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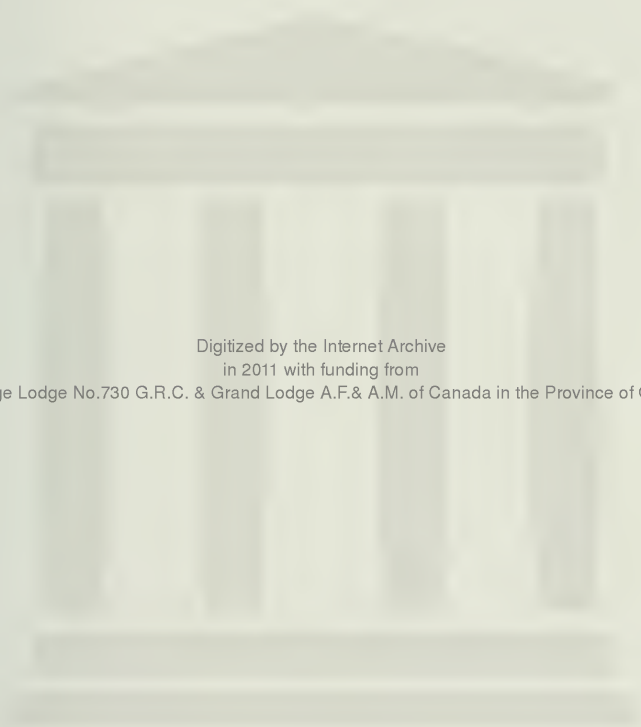


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Most Worshipful Brother
WILLIAM JOHN DROPE, M. A.

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SIXTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

HELD AT THE CITY

of

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JULY 18th and 19th, A.D. 1923, A.L. 5923



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GRAND LODGE A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA

In the Province of Ontario

PROCEEDINGS

At an Especial Communication of Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, held at the village of Englehart, on Thursday the Twenty-eighth day of September A. D. 1922, A. L. 5922.

There were present :

M. W. Bro. Wm. N. Ponton.....	Grand Master
R. W. Bro. F. K. Ebbitt.....	as Deputy Grand Master
R. W. Bro. C. W. Haentschel.....	as Grand Senior Warden
R. W. Bro. F. H. Todd.....	as Grand Junior Warden
V. W. Bro. W. E. Simpson.....	as Grand Chaplain
W. Bro. W. A. Wilson.....	as Grand Treasurer
R. W. Bro. Wm. M. Logan.....	Grand Secretary
W. Bro. John Price.....	as Grand Senior Deacon
Bro. G. D. Summers.....	as Grand Junior Deacon
R. W. Bro. R. LeHeup.....	Grand Director of Ceremonies
R. W. Bro. H. W. Sutcliffe...	Grand Superintendent of Works
W. Bro. Dr. McCullough.....	as Grand Pursuivant

as Grand Stewards :

W. Bro. T. E. Armstrong, W. Bro. C. Simpson.

The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at one o'clock, p.m., by the M.W. the Grand Master, who announced that this Especial Communication of Grand Lodge had been called to assist him in laying the Corner Stone of the New Masonic Temple.

The Brethren acting as Grand Lodge Officers, having received the necessary directions, Grand Lodge was called off, when a procession was formed under the direction of the Grand Director of Ceremonies and marched to the site in the prescribed order, taking up their proper positions at the northeast corner of the building.

The acting Grand Chaplain then invoked a blessing and the acting Grand Superintendent of Works read the following scroll and deposited it in the cavity of the stone.

IN THE NAME AND BY THE FAVOR OF THE GREAT ARCHITECT OF THE UNIVERSE

On the Twenty-eighth day of September, A. D. 1922, A. L. 5922, in the thirteenth year of the reign of our Most Gracious Sovereign

GEORGE V.

by the grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and of the British Dominions beyond the seas, KING, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India.

His Excellency, Lord Byng of Vimy, being Governor-General of the Dominion of Canada.

The Hon. William Lyon McKenzie King being Premier of the Dominion of Canada.

The Hon. Harry Cockshutt being Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Ontario.

The Hon. E. C. Drury being Premier of the Province of Ontario.

Angus McDonald, Esquire, being member for the constituency of Temiskaming in the Parliament of the Dominion of Canada.

Thomas Magladery, Esquire, being member for the Constituency of Temiskaming in the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario.

M. W. Bro. Wm. N. Ponton, Esq., K.C., being Grand Master of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

R. W. Bro. Wm. J. Drope being Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

R. W. Bro. Frank K. Ebbitt being District Deputy Grand Master of the Masonic Temiskaming District No. 22.

THIS CORNER STONE

of the Masonic Temple was laid by M. W. Bro. Wm. N. Ponton, Grand Master, assisted by the Grand Lodge

officers, in the presence of a large concourse of brethren and inhabitants of the village of Englehart and the surrounding district.

The acting Grand Treasurer deposited the phial containing coins, newspapers and other records in the cavity of the stone.

The acting Grand Wardens and the acting Deputy Grand Master applied the instruments of their office to the stone, after it had been placed in position, and announced that the Craftsmen had done their duty. The M. W. the Grand Master then consecrated the stone with corn, wine and oil and pronounced it well made, truly laid, well proven, true and trusty.

The procession was re-formed and the brethren returned to the lodge room, where the Grand Lodge was closed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "W. W. Logan". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the title "Grand Secretary".

Grand Secretary

GRAND LODGE A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA

In the Province of Ontario

PROCEEDINGS

At an Especial Communication of Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, held at the town of Pembroke, on Thursday the Fifth day of October, A. D. 1922, A. L. 5922.

There were present:

M. W. Bro. W. R. White, K.C.....	as Grand Master
M. W. Bro. J. H. Burritt, K.C.....	as Deputy Grand Master
R. W. Bro. G. E. Josephs.....	as Grand Senior Warden
W. Bro. A. M. McLean.....	as Grand Junior Warden
Bro. Rev. Maxwell.....	as Grand Chaplain
W. Bro. A. Johnston.....	as Grand Treasurer
Bro. D. W. Blakely.....	as Grand Secretary
W. Bro. H. J. Beatty.....	as Grand Registrar
Bro. F. B. Wilson.....	as Grand Senior Deacon
W. Bro. A. J. Sparling.....	as Grand Junior Deacon
W. Bro. W. F. Garrow.....	as Grand Director of Ceremonies
W. Bro. J. P. Millar.....	as Grand Sword Bearer
W. Bro. W. Markus.....	as Grand Superintendent of Works
W. Bro. F. C. Delahey.....	as Asst. Grand Director of Ceremonies
Bro. S. E. Smyth.....	as Grand Organist
Bro. A. J. Millar.....	as Grand Pursuivant
W. Bro. T. Collins.....	as Grand Standard Bearer
W. Bro. Dr. Reeves.....	as Asst. Grand Organist
Bro. H. S. Bowden.....	as Grand Tyler

As Grand Stewards:

W. Bro. Smith, W. Bro. McIntyre, W. Bro. C. E. Fraser,
W. Bro. J. Bodell, Bro. F. C. Daniels, Bro. A. G. Acheson.

The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at one o'clock, p. m., by M. W. Bro. W. R. White, Past Grand Master, who announced that this Especial Communication of Grand Lodge had been called to assist him in laying the corner stone of the new Cottage Hospital at Pembroke.

The brethren acting as Grand Lodge Officers having received the necessary directions, Grand Lodge was called off, when a procession was formed under the direction of the acting Grand Director of Ceremonies and marched to the site in the prescribed order, taking up their proper positions at the northeast corner of the building.

The acting Grand Chaplain then invoked the blessing and the acting Grand Superintendent of Works read the following Scroll and deposited it in the cavity in the stone.

IN THE NAME AND BY THE FAVOR OF THE GREAT ARCHITECT OF THE UNIVERSE

On the Fifth day of October, A. D. 1922, A. L. 5922,
in the Thirteenth year of the reign of our Most Gracious
Sovereign

GEORGE V.

by the grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great
Britain and Ireland, and of the British Dominions
beyond the seas, KING, Defender of the Faith, Em-
peror of India.

His Excellency, Lord Byng of Vimy, being Govern-
or-General of the Dominion of Canada.

The Hon. William Lyon Mackenzie King, C.M.G.,
being Premier of the Dominion of Canada.

His Honour Harry Cockshutt, Esquire, being
Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Ontario.

The Hon. E. C. Drury being Premier of the Pro-
vince of Ontario.

The Hon. H. C. Nixon, being Prov. Sect'y. of the
Province of Ontario.

W. L. Smyth, Esquire, being Mayor of the Town
of Pembroke.

Board of Governors of the Pembroke Cottage
Hospital:

J. H. Reeves, President.
A. L. Eastcott, Vice-President.
J. S. Fraser.
A. Johnston.
R. L. McCormack.
W. L. Smyth.
Rev. C. Voelker.
Mrs. J. G. Forgie.
A. J. Sparling, M.D.
Mrs. Robert Booth.
Mrs. J. F. Munro.
D. W. Blakely, Secretary-Treasurer.
Mrs. C. Caton, Superintendent.

M. W. Bro. W. N. Ponton, K.C., being Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

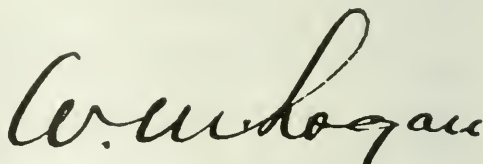
R. W. Bro. W. J. Drope being Deputy Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. A. H. McKee being D.D.G.M. of the Ottawa Masonic District No. 16.

THIS CORNER STONE

of the Cottage Hospital was laid by M. W. Bro. W. R. White, Past Grand Master, assisted by the acting Grand Lodge Officers, in the presence of a large concourse of citizens of the Town of Pembroke.

The Procession was re-formed and the brethren returned to the lodge room where Grand Lodge was closed.

A large, elegant handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "W. W. Logan". The signature is written in dark ink and occupies a significant portion of the lower half of the page.

Grand Secretary

PROCEEDINGS

At an Especial Communication of Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, held at the village of Stockdale, on Wednesday, June 13th., 1923 A. D., 5923 A. L.

There were present:

R. W. Bro. W. J. Drope.....	as Grand Master
R. W. Bro. W. M. Logan.....	as Deputy Grand Master
R. W. Bro. R. A. Backus.....	as Grand Senior Warden
W. Bro. G. W. Potter.....	as Grand Junior Warden
W. Bro. E. Nelson.....	as Grand Chaplain
W. Bro. W. Scott.....	as Grand Treasurer
V. W. Bro. W. J. Attig.....	as Grand Secretary
W. Bro. W. J. McMicking.....	as Grand Registrar
W. Bro. R. Reynolds.....	as Grand Senior Deacon
W. Bro. W. M. Simmons.....	as Grand Junior Deacon
W. Bro. D. T. Leal.....	as Grand Director of Ceremonies
V. W. Bro. R. McCrudden.....	as Grand Supt. of Works
W. Bro. T. L. McCullough.....	as Asst. G. Dir. of Ceremonies
W. Bro. J. B. Lowry.....	as Grand Organist
W. Bro. G. H. Pollard.....	as Grand Pursuivant
W. Bro. C. T. Argue.....	as Asst. Grand Organist
W. Bro. S. A. Morin.....	as Grand Tyler

As Grand Stewards:

W. Bros. W. Elliott, J. D. Wright, J. B. Ford, C. F. Wessel,
C. M. Hendricks, E. A. Bell.

Grand Lodge was opened in due form at one o'clock p.m., by the R. W. the Deputy Grand Master, who announced that this Especial Communication of Grand Lodge had been called to assist him in laying the corner stone of the new Methodist Church at Stockdale.

The brethren acting as Grand Lodge Officers having received the necessary directions, Grand Lodge was called off, when a procession was formed under the direction of the Grand Director of Ceremonies and marched to the site in the prescribed order, taking up their proper positions at the northeast corner of the building.

The acting Grand Chaplain then invoked a blessing and the Grand Superintendent of Works read the following Scroll and deposited it in the cavity of the stone.

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GEORGE V.

by the grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, KING, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India.

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The Hon. William Lyon Mackenzie King, C.M.G. being Premeir of the Dominion of Canada.

His Honor Harry Cockshutt, Esq., being Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Ontario.

The Hon. E. C. Drury being Premier of the Province of Ontario.

The Hon. Edward Guss Porter being member for the Constituency of West Hastings in the Parliament of the Dominion of Canada.

William Henry Ireland, Esq., being member for the Constituency of West Hastings in the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario.

William Nisbet Ponton, Esq., K.C., being Grand Master of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Robert A. Backus, Esq., being District Deputy Grand Master of the Prince Edward District No. 13.

Rev. R. J. Merriam, being Minister of the Methodist Church at Stockdale.

THIS CORNER STONE

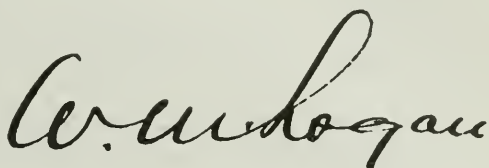
Of the Stockdale Methodist Church was laid by the R. W. Bro. W. J. Drope, Deputy Grand Master, in the presence of a large concourse of brethren and inhabitants of the surrounding district.

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Grand Secretary

GRAND LODGE A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA

In the Province of Ontario

PROCEEDINGS

At the Sixty-eighth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, held at the City of Toronto, Ontario, commencing Wednesday, July the 18th, A.D. 1923, A.L. 5923.

There were present :

THE GRAND MASTER

M. W. Brother William Nisbet Ponton, K.C., on the Throne.

THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

R. W. Brother William John Drope, M.A.

R. W. Bro. F. C. Perry.....	Grand Senior Warden
R. W. Bro. Thos. Forsyth.....	Grand Junior Warden
M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone.....	Grand Treasurer
R. W. Bro. W. M. Logan.....	Grand Secretary
R. W. Bro. Rev. E. Sheppard.....	Grand Chaplain
R. W. Bro. J. F. Mercer.....	Grand Registrar
V. W. Bro. H. W. Temple.....	Grand Senior Deacon
V. W. Bro. C. L. Wilson.....	Grand Junior Deacon
V. W. Bro. R. McCrudden....	Grand Superintendent of Works
R. W. Bro. W. J. Radford.....	Grand Director of Ceremonies
V. W. Bro. W. J. Attig.....	as Assistant Grand Secretary
V. W. Bro. Col. Alex. Fraser...	Asst. Grand Dir. of Ceremonies
V. W. Bro. K. J. Dunstan.....	as Grand Sword Bearer
V. W. Bro. F. L. Barber.....	Grand Organist
W. Bro. E. J. Mason.....	as Assistant Grand Organist
W. Bro. W. J. Moore.....	as Grand Pursuivant

Grand Stewards :

V. W. Bros. G. W. Grant, D. W. Evans, R. J. Reade, J. O'Connor, G. H. Mitchell, R. F. Segsworth, D. Robertson, R. H. Dewar, W. J. Fenton, G. M. Hendry, A. Parks, W. E. Birrell.

Grand Standard Bearers :

J. G. McDonald and John Kaiting.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

R. W. Bro.	Wm. T. Turner.....	Windsor
"	Walter T. Jeffs.....	Dresden
"	Rich. Williamson.....	Watford
"	Benjamin Noble.....	London
"	Chas. E. Richardson.....	St. Marys
"	Theo. Morris.....	Palmerston
"	Jas. G. Archibald.....	Woodstock
"	Cyrus O. Hemphill.....	Waterloo
"	Frank Hills.....	Hamilton
"	David S. Morrow.....	Beeton
"	Wm. F. Fawcett.....	Port Colborne
"	James A. Slade.....	Toronto
"	Percival J. Lee.....	Toronto
"	Ernest A. Lewis.....	Toronto
"	James Moore.....	Brooklin
"	Robt. A. Backus.....	Belleville
"	Aubrey L. Lott.....	Gananoque
"	Rich. A. Patterson.....	Kemptville
"	Alex. H. McKee.....	Ottawa
"	Wm. J. Ferguson.....	Port Arthur
"	James A. Smith.....	North Bay
"	Arthur M. Church.....	Sundridge
"	Robt. Wm. Groves.....	Lindsay
"	Arch D. McRae.....	Vankleek Hill
"	Frank K. Ebbitt.....	Iroquois Falls
"	Geo. Ryerson.....	Brantford
"	Jas. E. Campbell.....	Hepworth
"	John D. Leitch.....	Erin
V. W. Bro.	W. J. Pritchard.....	Grand Tyler

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

GRAND LODGE OF

M. W. Bro.	Sir John M. Gibson.....	England
"	E. T. Malone.....	Ireland
R. W. Bro.	A. J. Young.....	Alberta
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"	Geo. Malcolm.....	Nova Scotia
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"	Thos. Shanks.....	Quebec
M. W. Bro.	D. J. Goggin.....	Saskatchewan
R. W. Bro.	Lyman Lee.....	New South Wales
"	John Boyd.....	New Zealand
"	J. McC. Potts.....	Queensland
M. W. Bro.	J. H. Burritt.....	South Australia
R. W. Bro.	A. F. Webster.....	Tasmania
"	W. M. Logan.....	Colorado
"	Geo. H. Smith.....	Connecticut
M. W. Bro.	W. R. White.....	Georgia
R. W. Bro.	R. F. Richardson.....	Idaho
M. W. Bro.	F. W. Harcourt.....	Illinois

R. W. Bro.	R. H. Spencer.....	Kansas
"	H. C. Tugwell.....	Louisiana
"	J. B. Way.....	Maine
M. W. Bro.	W. H. Wardrope.	Maryland
R. W. Bro.	W. N. Gatfield.....	Michigan
"	C. W. Haentschel.....	Minnesota
"	Geo. Naylor.....	Montana
"	Henry T. Smith.....	Nebraska
V. W. Bro.	W. R. Ledger.....	Nevada
"	J. A. Cowan.....	New Hampshire
R. W. Bro.	W. S. Herrington.....	North Carolina
"	Geo. Moore.....	Ohio
V. W. Bro.	K. J. Dunstan.....	Oregon
R. W. Bro.	J. F. Reid.....	Rhode Island
"	J. C. Bartram.....	South Carolina
"	J. A. Rowland.....	South Dakota
"	A. J. Anderson.....	Tennessee
M. W. Bro.	Wm. N. Ponton.....	Texas
R. W. Bro.	T. H. Brunton.....	Virginia
"	W. C. Wilkinson.....	Washington
"	Henry Rush.....	Wisconsin
"	A. E. Cooper.....	Belgium
"	F. Davey Diamond.....	Costa Rica
"	Geo. Tait.....	Cuba
"	G. G. Rowe.....	Italy
"	H. F. Ketcheson.....	The Netherlands
"	W. J. Drope.....	Peru

ADDRESS OF WELCOME BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORONTO

His Worship, Mayor Charles Alfred Maguire, Chief Magistrate of the City of Toronto, was formally introduced by M. W. Bro. W. R. White, was invited to the dais, where he addressed the M.W. the Grand Master as follows:

Most Worshipful Grand Master and gentlemen, members of the great Masonic Order of Ontario, and those of our distinguished guests who are from the great country to the south; it is a great pleasure to me officially to extend the welcome of the City of Toronto to this communication. I want to say, Most Worshipful Sir, that Toronto has had the opportunity many times of receiving distinguished guests and important delegations that honoured our city, but on this occasion I realize that there is no more important gathering that has ever honoured our city than the communication that I have the honour of officially welcoming this morning.

It is rather significant, Most Worshipful Sir, that the lodge over which you have the honour of presiding, has had among its members many mayors of the City of Toronto. I think over fifteen in all of the members of St. Andrew's Lodge have occupied the honourable position which I occupy today, of Mayor of Toronto. It is therefore with peculiar pleasure that I bid you right hearty welcome to the city. I regard it as one of the happy events of my term of office that I have the privilege of giving the civic welcome to the Grand Lodge of the ancient and honourable society which is the premier among the fraternal organizations of the world. In doing so I am sure that I have the whole-hearted support of the people of this great city. From all parts of this Province you are gathered for the purpose of carrying on the business of this great organization, to engage in delightful fraternal intercourse, and to transact the business of your Grand Lodge. You may be fully assured that whatever is possible will be done by the people of this great city to make your all too short stay among us, and every moment of it, an enjoyable one to your entire membership.

In Toronto the craft is strong in lodges and in the membership of those lodges, and especially in the membership of this order and the atmosphere of the city is fraternal and sympathetic. We say to you that you are welcome. We realize the importance of the work that you are carrying on. Most Worshipful Sir, it has been my great privilege and honour to hear you on several occasions and to have been impressed with the wonderful work that you are doing and the splendid efforts put forth by you to make this a better and greater country to live in. The Masonic Order is playing no mean part in creating better citizenship generally throughout this great country of which we are all proud to be citizens.

I am glad to know, Sir, that the Masonic Craft maintains its strength and influence in all its far flung jurisdictions. This prosperity is remarkable in view of the fact that the craft does not carry on a propaganda for its extension, and does not solicit applications for membership. Without missionary activity or any aggressive means it has spread from country to country

and increases steadily in numbers and influence, so that the great luminary of nature is truthfully said to be always at its meridian with regard to masonry. A society so strong in its vitality and so enduring in its life must possess as its essential feature something which makes an irresistible appeal to human nature. That quality, I take it, is its spirit of brotherhood, which, exclusive of external conditions of wealth, office, or station, regards character and conduct as the governing consideration. It is to the everlasting honour of the Masonic Craft, that human brotherhood, under the Fatherhood of God, has ever been proclaimed by it. To this must be attributed the vitality and permanence of the craft of which we are proud.

Let me say, Most Worshipful Sir, that I understand it will be your privilege today to welcome the Right Honourable Lord Ampthill, the Pro Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England. May I add a right hearty civic welcome, bearing in mind that his lordship represents H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, formerly Governor-General of the Dominion, and well beloved in Canada for his royal and human qualities.

We look back with very fond remembrance to the time when he occupied the high and honourable position of Governor-General of Canada, when he endeared himself to the hearts of the people of this country. Therefore on behalf of the citizens of the City of Toronto may I ask you to convey to his lordship the royal and hearty welcome that I have been asked to express on this occasion of the visit of your distinguished guest.

It is rather significant and I am sure interesting to note, Most Worshipful Sir, that this city of Toronto is associated with one of the memorable events of Masonry in this jurisdiction. The Grand Lodge of Canada was established in Hamilton in October, 1855; and the next most important event was the union which was effected in June, 1858, at Toronto between the Grand Lodge of Canada and the "Ancient Grand Lodge of Canada." This event took place in the hall of King Solomon's Lodge at the southeast corner of Church and Colborne Streets, to which place the Ancients marched in procession from their place of meeting in the Toronto Street Hall, very well known to a large number of the brethren present.

If that union had not been brought about, the craft in this jurisdiction, as far as we can judge, could not have the prosperity which has attended it up to the present time. It is a matter of pride to the craftsmen of Toronto that this city was the scene of the culmination of negotiations so fruitful of progress and prosperity to the Order.

I have referred to the great progress which the Order has made in other countries, and therefore I do not forget that you are to have visitors from some of the grand jurisdictions on this side of the Atlantic, and to them I would also give a very hearty civic welcome. I bid you all welcome; I extend to you the freedom of the city; there are many things that you may want that you do not see; then if you do not, if you will come over to the City Hall I will be pleased, through my energetic and painstaking secretary, Mr. Clewlo, to give you what you require. It is with pleasure, Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren, that I extend to you, to the members of this Grand Lodge, and to your distinguished visitors a right royal welcome and the full freedom of the "Queen City".

The M.W. the Grand Master replied:

Your Worship the Mayor, and brother Mayor:—which is after all the title which brings you most in contact with our hearts and minds, with us collectively and individually—I thank you very much indeed, on behalf of this splendid gathering of Canadian Manhood of whom I am the interpreter, for your most cordial welcome and for your thoughtful address, emphasizing as it does the responsibility of citizenship; surely the citizens of Toronto have exemplified that in the great years through which we have just passed; and not only their responsibility to you but their responsibility as individual citizens of the Empire. We had the pleasure in the lodge committee room of emphasizing the thought that we must not only keep the home fires burning, the altar fires burning, but the fires burning in the community also. These words come home with peculiar aptitude to the present Grand Master. All my early associations are connected with Upper Canada College and the Cadet Corps there, and with the University and with Osgoode Hall, and with the dear old "Queen's Own." It was from these sources that I drew my sense

of Comradeship, and it has always continued. Just in passing, may I tell you in strict confidence that I wrote my first poetry under the inspiration of Toronto, for the old College Times. I use it now as an illustration of how times have changed. I can remember so well our excursions to the banks of the River Don, where we were able to get in touch with Gooderham and Worts by just passing by. I can remember the first verse of poetry that I ever wrote:—

“Come see what I have saw,
Come feel what I have felt;
Come walk with me along the Don,
And smell what I have smelt.”

I just use that to show you the contrast; there is no such odour there, either of sanctity or of the other at all; everything is transformed; the splendid health equipment, the splendid development of industry, and the splendid municipal enterprise, has changed all that. Both east and west Toronto is set upon three hills and set in the valley between the hills, so that it is no mean city.

I thank your worship for your kindly greeting, and we will take advantage of every privilege that you have promised us, Sir; and also we have enjoyed those privileges which you accorded by your instructions, in giving us a right of way through east Toronto on our arrival. I ask you to remain and to hear what the brethren from Pennsylvania and Massachusetts, and also from our own Mother Grand Lodge, have to say. You are from now on a member of this Grand Lodge.

FIRST DAY

Grand Lodge Opened

A constitutional number of lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at ten o'clock in the forenoon and the Grand Chaplain asked the blessing of T. G. A. O. T. U. upon the proceedings.

The M. W. the Grand Master gave permission to all Masons in good standing to enter and occupy the side seats.

Following are the names of those present:

No. 2, Niagara, Niagara-on-the-Lake. W. Bro. W. H. Quinn, W.M., R. W. Bro. C. W. Allen, Wr. Bro. C. W. Ink-sater, P.Ms.

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No. 620, Bay of Quinte, Toronto. W. Bro. G. A. Kingston, W.M., R. W. Bro. E. M. Carleton, P.M.

The rules of Order were read by the Grand Secretary, who then began to read the minutes of the proceedings of the last annual communication, when it was moved by the Deputy Grand Master, seconded by M. W. Bro. White and Resolved: That the minutes of the Proceedings of this Grand Lodge at the Sixty-seventh Annual Communication, held at the Cities of Fort William and Port Arthur on the 19th and 20th days of July, 1922, having been printed and copies thereof having been distributed to the constituent lodges, the same be taken as read and they now be confirmed.

By the direction of the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. D. J. Goggin, of Toronto, then introduced the Past Grand Master of the Province of Alberta, and said:—

Most Worshipful Sir; it affords me very great pleasure indeed to introduce to you, and through you to the officers and members of Grand Lodge, Most

Worshipful Brother J. Watson Young, the Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta. I am sure that it will afford you and afford this Grand Lodge a very great deal of pleasure to welcome to this communication this distinguished brother from one of our Prairie Provinces. The Prairie Provinces are the hope of Canada. We hope to see them peopled by a strong and virile nation, and we present to you this Most Worshipful Brother as the representative of the Province of Alberta.

The Grand Master: Most Worshipful Sir: We bid you a very hearty welcome to the Grand Lodge in Canada in the Province of Ontario. We hope that, hailing from sunny Alberta, the sunshine of its representative may illumine all our meetings, and we gladly welcome you as the representative also of one of those great Provinces which together form the granary of the Empire, and of the world. Will you be kind enough, under the guidance of your escort, to approach the East, and later on you will receive the Grand Honours with other Grand Representatives. (Applause)

Most Worshipful Brother Goggin, Past Grand Master of Manitoba and present representative of Saskatchewan; we bid you a very hearty welcome as representative of those two Provinces.

By direction of the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Harcourt then introduced the representatives of Massachusetts.

M. W. Bro. Harcourt:

I crave the honour, Most Worshipful Grand Master, of presenting to you, and through you to the officers and members of Grand Lodge:

Most Worshipful Bro. Dudley H. Ferrell, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; Right Worshipful Bro. Ramsay the Grand Treasurer of Massachusetts; and also Worshipful Bro. Hilton, Grand Marshal of Massachusetts.

These three distinguished brethren are citizens of one of the most interesting States of the great Republic, the history of which has been more closely identified and interwoven with the history of Great

Britain than any other State in the Union, not even excepting "Old Virginia" the home of George Washington, who is reputed to have been the greatest mason and the most eminent citizen of the Republic. I had not the honour of being acquainted even with the colored body servant of the late Most Worshipful Washington—which coloured man it is well known lived even to modern times—but I have been intimately acquainted with the distinguished representatives of Massachusetts, through a short but vivid period of two days, so that while I can most heartily agree with the statement that our late Brother was the greatest Mason of the great Republic, yet I think he is today very worthily represented here. No doubt you are all familiar with the pathetic story of the heroic band of Pilgrim Fathers who left the land of their ancestors because of religious persecution of the rulers John Knox and John Wesley, to found a home where they could worship God and carry out civil government according to the dictates of conscience and in accordance with the rights of citizenship. History tells us that they landed on a rock that is now called Plymouth Rock, on the shore of Massachusetts, about forty miles north of Boston. History also tells us that the rock was large enough to permit that noble band to kneel and offer thanks to the great Architect of the Universe for their safe voyage and landing. For several years I have had the pleasure of summering near that historic Plymouth Rock; but when I first saw it, what was my astonishment and consternation to see that it is not a very great rock but I should rather describe it as a small stone, not more than two feet in diameter, but, as that great rock has in the passage of years diminished, so, in inverse ratio have the descendants of that noble band multiplied in numbers and influence, in affluence, in education, in the fine arts and letters, so that they are now really a credit to their Motherland, Great Britain, as well as to their own Commonwealth. As you all know, in the course of some years after the landing the relationship with the Mother Country became strained, even to the point of an "unpleasantness" occurring, in which the Englishman lost out on several occasions; but those regrettable "incidents" are forgotten, or at least remembered without bitterness—and perhaps I may even take it for granted that the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts

will seize this opportunity of apologizing to Lord Ampt-hill for those unfortunate and almost forgotten occurrences.

The Grand Master: Most Worshipful Bro. Ferrell, Grand Master of Massachusetts, on behalf of this Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, I bid you the sincerest personal and fraternal welcome and greeting. Brethren, as your Grand Master I have tested the hospitality, the corn, the wine, the oil, the incense and the salt of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, and I do trust that every one of you—as I know every one of you will—rally to see that when Grand representatives leave Toronto they will feel the same warmth and cordiality of welcome that they extended to your Grand Master, has been extended to the Grand Master of Massachusetts and to those who accompany him.

Most Worshipful Bro. Ferrell, during the past two days you and your colleagues with you have endeared yourselves to our hearts. You have been with us on on excursions and on drives and in the convivial scenes that the 15th storey in the King Edward have witnessed you have been with us in every communication that we have so far enjoyed and I do trust that this more formal communication will not be lacking in that warmth of welcome that you have already received from us individually.

I think, Worshipful Bro. Ramsay, that you will find yourself at home, with the bankers of Toronto. This is a great banking city and it is a happy coincidence that the Grand Treasurer of England is a banker, as the Grand Treasurer of Massachusetts is a banker; it is most appropriate and I can see the congenial spirit that will exist between you.

Right Worshipful Bro. Hilton, as the Grand Marshal of Massachusetts, it has been your duty to keep both eyes on your two colleagues; kindly remove them here and let them do as they please.

From the memory of the old tea-party in Boston Harbour now ascends the incense of peace and not of war. That old war of the Revolution, and of evolution has long gone by, buried are its memories of grief and

remembered only those of valour. We welcome you as the representatives of the most conservative Grand Lodge of the United States, which has preserved all the old traditions of the Grand Lodge of England. Will you kindly approach the East with your escort.

The Grand Master then directed M.W. Bro. Sir John Gibson and M.W. Bro. Wardrope to form the escort and to introduce the representatives of the Grand Lodge of England.

M.W. Bro. Sir John Gibson: Most Worshipful Sir: I have the very great honour to introduce to you M.W. Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Ampthill, P10 Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England, our Mother Grand Lodge; Worshipful Bro. Sir John Ferguson, Grand Treasurer; Worshipful Bro. Lt.-Col. H. Hamilton-Wedderburn, Past Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies, and Worshipful Bro. A. E. Carlyle, Past Asst. Grand Director of Ceremonies.

It has not been very frequent in past years that we have had the opportunity of welcoming distinguished brethren from the Grand Lodge of England. In fact, I think I am justified in saying that this is the first time. However, we are their children, but we have grown to reasonably efficient manhood now, and perhaps we are in a better position to receive them today than we would have been in our earlier days.

The name of Lord Ampthill is very well known indeed in our Motherland. A son of Lord Russell, a name well known in history in the past half century or so; and his son, Lord Ampthill, very much of a man; in his younger days a champion oarsman, as an Oxford man, and with a victorious record at that University; President of the Oxford Union; in later years the Governor of Madras, and Viceroy of India for a time; also he has a military record during the late war, occupying a prominent position in regard to India, and taking his share in the warfare as Colonel commanding a British regiment. But I will not say anything more about him because, Most Worshipful Sir, I have complete confidence that any inadequacy of my introduction will be fully compensated for by you with that facility and eloquence of expression for which you are famed. I now have the

great pleasure to ask these illustrious and distinguished brethren to approach the East and to take their places on the platform after you will have welcomed them and before they are asked to say anything to this Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master: I thank you, most Worshipful Bro. Gibson.

Most Worshipful Bro. Lord Ampthill, Pro Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England, as the interpreter of 100,000 Masons of this jurisdiction, I bid you a most cordial and heartfelt welcome—both you and your colleagues—as representing not merely our Mother Grand Lodge, but the Mother Grand Lodge of the World. I am sure that before you leave Toronto your pulses will beat responsive to our heart throbs as they go out to that dear little Mother Isle, God bless her, as represented by you, as I see you there, stalwart and staunch sons of England, sons of Britain. When Lord Brassey was here, and when Lord Desborough was here, both seemed to impress upon us the necessity that we in Canada with our broad areas and clear air, were trustees for the physique and the stamina of the British Race. Surely brethren, we do not need to be trustees of the physique and stamina of the British Race as exemplified before you here today at the altar.

I welcome you then also as a comrade and soldier. I welcome you on behalf of the University men of the University of Toronto and Queen's, and the other Universities of Canada, with the right hand of fellowship to an Oxford man.

I saw the spires of Oxford,
Beneath the pearl grey sky;
And our hearts went out to the Oxford men
That went abroad to die,
God bless you, happy gentlemen,
Who doffed your academic robes
To take the rifle and khaki,
Instead of cap and gown;
God bring you to a happier place
Than even Oxford town.

All these memories, so dear to you, are dear to us, because we of the University of Toronto sent out our six thousand to fight side by side with the representatives

of all the other Universities, and side by side with the true British Tommies and with their comrades in arms for King and Country, for hearth and home. And so we welcome you all in this double capacity, once for all in the bonds of fellowship and of comradeship in that great breadth of solidarity that links us the wide world over and that creates this Empire, this great British League of free nations.

Right Worshipful Bro. Sir John Ferguson, you will find yourself at home in Toronto, because this is not your first visit and I am sure you will be able to act as guide and old familiar friend to those of your companions who have not had the pleasure of seeing Toronto, or of seeing Niagara before.

Col. Hamilton Wedderburn, we welcome you also as a gallant soldier, wearing the honours of the British Empire on your breast, worthily won and worthily worn.

Worshipful Bro. Carlyle, you come very near to us on account of your association with Canada Lodge. You honoured the name of Canada, but you also expressed the spirit of Canada when you entertained seventeen hundred of our Canadian officers and soldiers in the hospitable portals of Canada Lodge during the war. Many of the sons of Canada—my own among them—received your hospitality then and got the genial clasp of good fellowship when they returned home to England from the comradeship of the field, just for the week or two of leave and spent one delightful night in Canada Lodge.

And so we welcome you all, foursquare to every wind that blows, and we ask you to take seats, accompanied by your escort, in the Grand East, remembering the truth of Kipling's words as he wrote them:—

“Carry the word to my sister”—

We count Massachusetts a sister—

“Carry the word to my sister—

To the queens of the East and the South;

I have kept faith with the heritage

By more than the word of mouth.

The gates are mine to open,

And the gates are mine to close,

But we abide by our Mother's house,

Said our Lady of the Snows.”

Brethren, during the last half hour of this communication of Grand Lodge we will have the satisfying pleasure of hearing the responses from the Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England and from the Most Worshipful the Grand Master of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and also from all other Grand Masters who are representing jurisdictions here.

ADDRESS FROM LOCAL LODGES

The ruling Masters of the City Lodges were then formally admitted.

The Grand Master: We understand, Worshipful Masters, that you are a deputation of the ruling Masters of the Lodges of Toronto. We are delighted to welcome you here, and we will be glad if you will deliver your message. I am sure, having a fellow feeling for your brethren, that you will pardon us assuming our seats during the reading of that message.

W. Bro. G. C. Kirby, of St. Andrew's Lodge:

To the Most Worshipful The Grand Master, Lieutenant-Col. William Nisbet Ponton, one of His Majesty's Counsel learned in the Law, and the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:—

We, the Worshipful Masters of the Lodges meeting in the City of Toronto extend to you our sincerest welcome and fraternal greetings on behalf of ourselves and our brethren upon the occasion of this the 68th Communication of Grand Lodge.

We do this with peculiar pleasure upon this occasion as we believe that never in the history of this jurisdiction have the representatives of so many lodges had an opportunity of joining in such a welcome. We have also the unusual honor and gratification of welcoming several Grand Masters and Grand Officers who hold sway in other jurisdictions. To each of them we extend a special greeting.

To you personally, Most Worshipful Sir, we offer our congratulations upon a term of office which has not only been beneficial in the highest degree to our Ancient

and Honourable Institution, but has brought honour and distinction to yourself. There is perhaps nothing which contributes more to good citizenship and the welfare of any community than the making of good Masons. Under your able guidance of the Craft 36 new Lodges have been formed within your jurisdiction and about 11,000 Masons have been made.

You have been unsparing in giving yourself to the service of our Order, wise and just in your rule, and in your personal association with our Lodges have endeared yourself to the brethren by your gracious and dignified bearing and ready wit.

As members of an institution which stands for obedience to and respect for all lawfully constituted authority, we thank you on behalf of the country to which we have the honour to belong. As loyal members of the Craft we thank you on behalf of those you have ruled. As your brethren we thank you for the many happy associations and graceful and kindly acts we have experienced at your hands. Your work has been arduous, but the consciousness of work well done brings its own reward.

To the Members of Grand Lodge generally, we offer our thanks for the untiring zeal and unselfishness which they have exhibited during their term of office. Under their direction charity has been dispensed with that proper prudence which should control such expenditures. The lodges have received encouragement and assistance from the members of Grand Lodge with whom they have had the privilege of meeting, and owe much to the courtesy and ability of those to whom has been entrusted the rule of the Craft.

To the Brethren all, we appreciate the weighty problems which you are now called upon to decide, but feel confident that your decisions will be acceptable to all, and that the admonition in favour of "being happy and communicating happiness" will never be forgotten.

Please accept, Most Worshipful Sir, the felicitations

of your brethren and their earnest wishes for your continued happiness and prosperity.

G. C. Kirby, W.M., St. Andrews' Lodge No. 16

A. D. Armour, W.M., Ionic Lodge No. 25

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A. E. Hessin, W.M., Ashlar Lodge, No. 247

F. G. Logan, W.M., Zetland Lodge No. 326

For District No. 11B

H. Irwin, W.M., University Lodge No. 496

A. Chisholm, W.M., Runnymede Lodge, U.D.

For District No. 11

Toronto, July 18, 1923

The Grand Master: Worshipful Bro. Kirby, Worshipful Bro. Armour, and all other ruling masters of the city lodges of Toronto, representing as I understand 23,000 Master Masons, let me thank you for this cordial welcome to Toronto, and this cordial re-affirmation of that splendid spirit of good comradeship, good fellowship and good brotherhood that all your lodges have exemplified throughout these many years of happy and eventful history. As you are kind enough to say, a meed of praise has been bestowed upon myself as Grand Master. If a small medium of that praise has been deserved, it has been through the co-operation of the lodges, and surely the Toronto lodges have led in that splendid spirit of progress that must emulate all these great lodges that are not "lodges in some vast wilderness" but in this great city they are the power houses on the line; the great laboratories and schools of chemistry turning out men and masons. I thank you from the bottom of my heart for your many hospitalities. I think I have visited nearly all your lodges during the past four years, and I am a proud member of many of them, and all this wonderful procession of memories passes over me now as I see the ruling Masters of the lodges within whose hospitable portals I have shared your work and have supped with you.

I need not say that the Toronto Committee—who have done wonders, who have made our path for the past few days a path of roses, and who propose still to continue to do so until we close this Grand Lodge in ample form—are also representatives of the lodges of Toronto, and they are doing, let me assure you, the most splendid work in connection with the trust that you have reposed in them; they have made us all feel thoroughly at home in this city of homes, Toronto.

“The Lodge is the Master’s Mirror”. Oh, you Masters; what a proud responsibility you have; men of light and men of leading, to clear the way; I thank you all. You will be kind enough to take your seats in Grand Lodge; you are of course members of it, and we do trust that those of us who are not citizens of Toronto will live up to your ideals.

The Grand Master then directed M.W. Bro. Wardrope to introduce the M.W. Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

M.W. Bro. Wardrope: Most Worshipful Grand Master, it affords me very much pleasure to introduce to you and to the officers and members of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario, as well as to our distinguished guests who surround you:—Most Worshipful Bro. Beitler, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania; and Right Worshipful Bro. Goodyear, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. As they will have an opportunity of becoming better acquainted with our brethren, and having a pleasant time with them, I will not delay the proceedings further at the present time, other than to ask you, Most Worshipful Sir, to receive them as the Grand Lodge of Canada receives all its distinguished guests.

The Grand Master: Most Worshipful Brother Beitler, and Right Worshipful Brother Goodyear; on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Canada and as its spokesman and interpreter, we offer you a very hearty welcome here to the city that will be your home, I hope, for two or three days, and with which I trust you will identify yourselves in the true spirit of fellowship and comradeship

and brotherliness that has always distinguished the members of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

I have the most happy recollection, brethren, of my reception as a Grand Master in that wonderful city of brotherly love, and also of having the added pleasure of being present at the last meeting of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, under the presiding genius of Most Worshipful Brother Beitler, and of course it is quite appropriate that our greetings—the greetings of Most Worshipful Bro. Wardrope and myself should go out to you a little more perhaps, or with double cordiality, in that we recognize you as a brother of the Long Robe, a brother of the Bar also, as well as a brother Mason.

I will not soon forget that I have for the past four years, whether as representing Grand Chapter or the Grand Lodge, recognized that you are living up to the full and maintaining, as Massachusetts is, the old traditions of Masonry, keeping the ancient landmarks, and also that you have lived up to that wonderful chapter in Revelation, addressed to you, in order to keep you in the straight and narrow path:—

“To the angel of the Church of Philadelphia, write: Hold that fast that thou hast, that no man take thy crown. Behold, I have set before you an open door that no man can close.”

Brethren, I vouch for it, that no man can close the open door of hospitality of the City of Philadelphia, or of the whole Grand Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania whose honoured and respected representatives we welcome here today.

Will you kindly approach the East under your escort, and later you will receive the Grand honours of Grand Lodge.

REGRETS

Communications were read from M. W. Bro. W. J. Major, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, from M. W. Bro. E. P. Shatford, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, from M. W. Bro. A. S. Tomkins, Grand Master of the State of New York and

from Bro. Warren G. Harding, President of the United States of America, expressing their regret at being unable to be present.

ADDRESS OF THE M. W. THE GRAND MASTER.

The Grand Master then addressed the members:

My Brethren:—

For two years, bearing the compasses of the Grand Master, I have passed in and out among you—in many of your houses—in all your Masonic Districts, in contact personal and by correspondence with all your Lodges, endeavouring to interpret and to communicate the unifying and vivifying spirit of our co-operative Commonwealth of Craftsmanship. Only once in a man's life can such a proud privilege—such a glad and golden opportunity be enjoyed—and I do trust that I have expressed by thought and action—by zest and zeal, by night and day, my grateful appreciation of your gracious kindness, my deep and abiding sense of the responsibilities as well as the productive potentialities of this Historic Office. Men may come and men may go, but Grand Masters go on forever, links in the golden chain of unity and continuity with which our Great Brotherhood of Solidarity cements and should adorn the earth. With all humility I recognize how little done, how much to do, but that little has been done with a will and has been made possible by the generous and assiduous aid given ungrudgingly by my **official family**—the Rulers of the Craft in office, and by those who have preceded and are to follow me, to whom I here and now extend my warmest thanks for their encouragement and helpfulness. We have carried on and handed down together, and we trust that the seeds sown, falling on the fertile and healthy soil of human hearts, may germinate in flowers and fruit manifold—just as the days multiply into years—the tributary streams into rivers.

May our successors gather in the sheaves—the fields of humanity are ripening for harvest. We are not yet *made*, but we are in the making; plastic—potential—procreative—in this “land of the willing hand”, manned by 100,000 workers and builders, chosen of the true,

who with the vision splendid but not visionaries, are honestly striving, without boasting and without cant "if by any means they might attain". Co-heirs and co-trustees and also **co-workers** with the Master who said, "My Father worketh hitherto and I work"; who calls us to the labour of love—the refreshment and happiness of duty:

"The ageless forces do not cease
To mould us as of yore,
The chisellings of the Arts of peace,
The Anvil strokes of war."

In the modern crusades—for there is still conflict—do the words and works of the constructive Craft ring true?—does the trumpet give forth no uncertain sound?

May it simply be said of each of our young members that he is striving after that four-fold—four square progressive virtue—embodied in "He grew in wisdom and in stature and in favour with God and with Man". And of each of our veteran and venerable Brethren may it be said: "He has builded better than he knew. After him cometh a builder, but tell him I too have known—I have kept the faith"—Let us keep the step, keep the touch, keep the faith—for we Master Masons if true to the trust committed to us, must be all Defenders of the Faith, and be able and ready always, with Mother tongue in Mother Lodge, to give a reason for the faith that is in us. Let us sterilize evil—let us propagate good.

In **Toronto** we find a friendly trysting place and rendezvous—in Toronto we find a reservoir of resource—of light and of leadership. A City of homes and of friends—of public-spirited citizenship, true to the traditions of her founders—glowing in her conscious and prosperous present, confident in her potential future; she is well named the Queen City for "There is nothing more kingly than kindness, nothing more royal than truth." Her 22,000 good and true Master Craftsmen keep the home fires and altar fires glowing—but also keep the fire burning at the Community Altars—and like all good creative Masons, kindle fire in others. If I love Toronto, I have good cause—the well remembered years at Upper Canada College, 'Varsity and Osgoode Hall—the good

comradeship of the Queens' Own, the kith and kin resident here, all form foundation and background for the delightful associations of that Masonic experience with which my life has been enriched in these later years.

It is fitting that here in the centre and Capital of this basic British Province, it should be our happy privilege to **welcome** with all our hearts, as we here and now do, the honoured representatives of the great Jurisdictions, with whose presence our meeting is graced to-day; Quebec—our fair sister and daughter; Alberta, and Saskatchewan with their sunshine and golden grain; New York—the largest Jurisdiction in the world, and our close knit neighbour of the Empire State; Pennsylvania, from whom we derive much of our warmth and many of our ideals of brotherly love; Massachusetts, our nearest and most conservative of kin and character where so many of our Canadians have found happy homes; and last but not least, the Mother Grand Lodge of the World, the United Grand Lodge of England, with nothing of age but its dignity and mellow experience, dear to us through historic lineage—the precious stone set in the silver sea, our little Mother Isle, God bless her! the centre and citadel of the liberties of the World. To all these our guests, from the Provinces—the Great Republic, and the Empire, we extend cordial greetings of welcome with all the catholicity of good fellowship and good will, of which our Craft is the happy and concordant exponent. You are our ain folk—brethren of our own tribes and families,

“Read me the rede of this old Roof tree,
Here be trust fast—opinion free—
Worth in all, wit in some,
Laughter open, slander dumb—
Hearth where rooted friendships grow,
If thy sap in them may be,
Fear no winter old Roof tree!”

Grand Lodge would honour itself by conferring Grand Rank upon the distinguished Representatives of our Sister Grand Jurisdictions of England and the United States who are foregathering with us to-day to share with their Canadian Brethren their genial and glowing fellowship.

During the year that we chronicle as past, the **Mosaic** of Masonic life—that spiritual and intellectual process of being, becoming and doing—of thought and action—has been full of interest and of vital moment. Many gains—few losses; many anchors of hope—few disappointments; many duties fulfilled, few neglected, much ability, reliability and adaptability, little disability; many gifts, little grudging. We Master-builders who seek to excel in what is good and great, who have been endowed with faculties, fellowship, light and illuminating leadership, must both make and take opportunities. If the waters rise we must buoyantly rise with them—a small raft may bear up a ton of trouble—on such a tide are we now afloat, and we should take the current as it serves, nor lose our Great Adventure. Our ship is well equipped—our cargo precious—our compass sure, our port the homeland, wherever it may be—Safe-bind, sure find—safe guide, sure end. The set of the sail and not the gale determines the goal of good:

“To every man there openeth
A way, and ways—and a way—
And the high soul climbs the highway
And the low soul gropes the low—
And in between, on the misty flats
The rest flit to and fro.
But to every man there openeth
A high road and a low,
And every man decideth
The way his soul shall go”—

Brethren, this modern world of ours, is plastic, fluid, responsive, let us see to it that we live up to what Public Opinion expects of us, what conscience, right reason and duty dictate, what alone the Most High, the Great Law Giver and Grace Giver, requires of us:—to do justly, love mercy and walk humbly with our God. Herein we have the **Magna Carta** of the Craft and of the Church, and so doing we will honour all men, love the Brotherhood, fear God and honour the King, and the King of Kings, to whom the shields of the Earth belong, under whose Standards may we be endowed with grace to serve.

We have bidden **fraternal farewell** to many Brethren good and tried and true during the twelve months of dawn

and twilight that have been ours and theirs—within and beyond the terrestrial horizon, still “Our comrades dead march at our head.” The Report on Necrology will deal with their honoured names in detail, but let me here give honourable mention to just five—who typify the virile virtues of all—five points of fellowship—R.W. Bro. William Rea of Ottawa and Toronto; a venerable Craftsman, his life was gentle,—he is gentle who doth gentle deeds; R.W. Bro. George S. May of Ottawa, suddenly stricken while playing the game, Chairman of Finance for many years, faithful and genial; R.W. Bro. W. G. Reid of Hamilton, a veteran of the Craft and of the Royal Arch—patient in adversity as generous in prosperity, well beloved by those who knew him best; V.W. Bro. Horace Hardy of Toronto, who died in knightly harness and who had many of the characteristics that endeared and the capacity for co-operative work that distinguished in the early days R.W. Bro. Harry P. Macdonell of Ottawa, who has also passed to the life further on; and last R.W. Bro. James C. Morgan affectionately remembered as Daddy—without whom no Grand Lodge in the good old days was complete, who contributed so much to the genial joy of life, and who, through pain and suffering, in the last few years so zealously and tenderly cared for the fatherless in their affliction—surely he will walk with those in white for he was worthy. Who has not lost a friend? The man who has a thousand friends has not a friend to spare.

“We miss the smiling helpful friends,
On whom we leaned long years ago”—

Let us apply the true principles of **friendship** and companionship to the whole gamut of our lives and thus bring nearer the day when the world will be girdled by the golden chain of generous friendship and perpetual peace—peace at centre and circumference. Thus worthily may we, who have been spared to serve a little longer, drink the cup of memory and of hope. “Father in thy gracious keeping, leave we now thy servants sleeping”.

Subject to the limitations of time and space and physical strength, I have tried to **live** my belief in the personal equation—in living contact with my Brethren of that vital organism, that wonderful laboratory of

potencies, and school of character—constituting the **Lodge**, the rallying place of the Craft, the Men's House. Not the Temple of Mysteries, nor the Repository of Rituals, nor the Reformatory of the Fallen, nor the Branch Office of a Benevolent Society, but the happy and restful, refined and intellectual home of men of good will and good sense; Brethren not Bondsmen, men of brain and brawn, young men and mature men, drawn and conciliated together by some magnetic affinity of association far more than mere gregariousness; just average men in a world of motion and emotion, of aspiration and of purposeful progress, men who discover one another and realize themselves in close and familiar association, and who have realized also that the Brotherhood of Man begins with the Manhood of the Brother. Each Lodge, as each man, has a distinctive tone or flavour derived from its personnel, its environment, its conditions, its age, its size. I am free to admit that great and good as is the collective work of the **large Lodges**, some are too unwieldy, and few members can individually participate in that great training school of administration. It is too like modern athletics, in which few play the game while thousands cheer, groups and circlets are apt to be formed, and the prestige of numerical strength and influence does not compensate for the lack of the close intimacy—that duty and privilege of **knowing each other**—which makes and keeps the ideal Lodge, an exemplar of Masonry in action—dynamic not static—of virile individuality and soul—and not a corporate entity. Of course there are exceptions, and nothing can be worse than a small, narrow, struggling, anaemic Lodge without ambition and without spirit. Fortunately there are few of either extreme. Are the strong Lodges helping the weak as they might and should? Does the urbanity of the City express itself often enough by intervisitation with centres of rural energy and conscientious work? Do we synchronise and collaborate in alternating currents concurrently, in this and other phases of the intimate relationship and net work of our great confraternity?

In the **welcoming addresses** received at many Lodges, out of the fulness of the generous hearts of the Masters, your Grand Master has been clothed with imaginary and impossible virtues, and superlative perfections. Fortunately there has always been a back-

ground and consciousness of his failings, deficiencies and unworthiness to preserve his stable equilibrium, and I trust I have come through all the gracious panegyrics unspoiled, as Kipling did when,

“He talked with crowds nor lost his virtue,
And walked with kings, nor lost the common touch”.

Seriously, the charming courtesy, the helpful encouragement, the brimming hospitality, the corn, wine, oil, incense and salt of these Leagues of good cheer and co-operative good will have made and kept me young and fit for the labour of love and service which is the crown of the Grand Master's work, even as the revision of multitudinous By-laws and the clerical complications and infinite details of office work, are his cherished cross. Together my Brethren we have, I hope, lived well, loved much, laughed often, lifted steadily and laboured loyally in that Temple of faith, freedom, friendship and fraternity which it is ours to build—and with all the devotion and fidelity of our forefathers, to adorn and maintain.

Time will not permit me to enumerate all the happy evenings I have spent in North, South, East and West—Ottawa and London stand out very vividly. They are engraved on the tablets of enduring memory—pleasures and treasures. I have **consecrated** many Lodges, with that wonderful and significant ceremony, which is infinitely more than a mere Masonic function or dramatic spectacle. Nothing touched me more than the faithful zeal and dignified impressiveness with which present and past Grand Lodge Officers and Ruling Masters, conducted the Consecrations—and also many Dedications—a rich Cathedral service of devotion and of beauty, while the **music** of choristers, quartettes and soloists was a rhythmic joy forever—creative, concordant, and vibrant

Brethren, do we demonstratively appreciate as we ought, the talented services, the generous gifts, which the singers, the instrumentalists, and the entertainers of the Craft, so delightfully share with us? The Toronto Male Chorus, and all other choruses, choirs and orchestras, as individuals and collectively, are entitled to unstinted praise, to enthusiastic and practical support. Let me again, while still in office, reiterate and emphasize, that

both chivalry and courtesy and gentlemanly self respect demand that the tribute and consideration of concentrated and quiet attention should be given to those who are asked by our Masters and Junior Wardens to sing or play for us. How can exquisite lyrics, ballads, or fugues be interpreted and rendered while unappreciated cigars are being distributed, belated ice cream is being served, and banter and repartee in distant and isolated groups is being indulged in? We rush and crowd our **refreshment** hours too much. The social side of Masonry has its educative and refining as well as its welding and fusing and cementing communicative significance and happiness. There as in our Musical Ritual, we should realize and enjoy "the mind's delight, linking sound with sense and sight". Masters, develop the latent modest talents of your members, either in speech or song or research. Let them absorb month by month and bring their tribute to the Lodge for the delectation of their Brethren. This is evolution. This is your proud duty. They are your **living working tools** They will ring true and responsive to judicious praise and encouragement. But I do not approve, I earnestly condemn, those so-called **side benchers'** nights—in which certain outside avocations, or extraneous Societies are specialized, and in which secret and sacred work which should be confined to Masters, Past Masters and Wardens, is put in the mouths of Masons, only a few months old, who cannot understand its correlated meaning—who are not stewards of the mysteries and who cannot have had access to what is called The Work unless obligations have been violated. This is Democracy run mad, excellent as may be the intent and object of those who thus plan to interest the young Mason and make him a factor in the life of the Lodge. With all respect for the sincerity of those responsible, I think it premature and not in keeping with ancient and well tried usage and tradition, and derogates from the dignity of the time honoured office of Master.

I have attended two **Lodges of Instruction** with fruitful results, but these constructive and instructive gatherings of the District appear to be in process of gradual abandonment, their place being taken by District Past and Present Masters' Associations, and by the pre-arranged intervisiting of groups of Lodges and interchange of Degree work. Motor cars, radials, and more

favourable financial and industrial conditions render these frequent and friendly pilgrimages more practicable than during the war and the lean years that followed. I have unveiled Commemorative Tablets and memorial windows and monuments, to the glory of God and the undying honour of those brave men and heroic Sisters, who of their own free will and accord, properly clothed in the uniform of their Country, nobly fighting, nobly fell—for near ones and dear ones—for hearth, for home—for the Canada of their dreams and ideals—on the altars of sacrifice, and are entitled one and all to have that name that liveth for evermore graven deep on the **stone of remembrance**, and cherished in every human heart that glows with pride in and gratitude for their incomparable valour—their indomitable constancy, their imperishable glory.

And have we done our full duty by the **living**—by those gallant comrades who came back from the gates of death, from the far flung battle line, to form the far flung brother line? They are more than pensioners—they are the glorious creditors of Canada. We owe it to the armless, the legless—the nerve shocked, the tubercular, to give them good cheer rather than charity, and fitting work as well as words of sympathy. Thank God we Masons have had the courage and vision to abrogate the old operative requirement (it was never a landmark) of **physical perfection**, and many men maimed in the service, who a few years ago though good enough for the Church militant and for Heaven, were not admissible to our Lodges, are now with proper safeguards, welcomed within our portals, if knocking at our doors, they desire to add the fellowship of the Craft to the comradeship of the field.

“We thank Thee, Lord,
For mercies manifold in these dark days;
For all the stirrings in the dead dry bones;
For Thy deep sounding of the hearts of men;
For Thy great opening of the hearts of men;
For Thy close-knit of the hearts of men;
For all who sprang to answer the great call;
For their high courage and self-sacrifice;
For their endurance under deadly stress;
For all the unknown heroes who have died

To keep the land inviolate and free;
For all who come back from the Gates of Death;
For all who pass to larger life with Thee,
And find in Thee the wider liberty;
For hope of cleaner earth and closer heaven;
With burdened hearts, but faith unquenchable—
We thank Thee, Lord and Father."

My varied experiences in the **North** in September and October last year were a revelation. Beginning our Official Tour at Sudbury and Coppercliff and ending it at Iroquois Falls and Cochrane, with a memorable farewell midnight reception at North Bay, the Grand Secretary and I and our Party were everywhere by everyone received with open arms, hearts and hearths and escorted by guards of honour from place to place. Had it been physically possible, we could have brought home with us their copper and nickel and cobalt and silver and gold and pulp and paper and glorious crops from the prolific claybelts—these riches, (the fringe of which only has been touched), succeeding one another in layers or areas of potential and realized wealth, with room and welcome for thousands of industrious settlers and the investment of industrial capital. Surely **North-ern Ontario**, tried by fire and by vicissitude and found not wanting, and with amplitude of acres, is entitled to a great Trunk Road—an artery of commerce and of contact. Surely British and selected foreign immigrants will be guided to the million acres of the richest soil I have ever seen. Surely our Governments—Dominion and Provincial—will wake up to both the need of and the present opportunity for securing immigrants for both old and new Ontario. Britain has men—Ontario has room, and **happy homes** in the making. We Masons can do much to make the paths of the new-comer smooth—and having got him, to keep him with the bonds of brotherhood and helpfulness in our fertile fields, our potentially prosperous communities. We must actively fight the influence of that selfish propaganda, which under the subtle guise and cry of an artificial "Standard of Living," would strangle every effort to people our Province with the best. These demagogues are not the representatives of true and loyal labour. It would be suicidal to continue to try to live in air tight compartments. No Country with the attributes of a

Nation can live in isolation—without progress and increase, as without vision, the people perish. Let us develop together our amplest heritage—love, believe in, work and live for our Country; God never endowed any people with a nobler birthright, nor gifted any people with prospects of a fairer future. Let us have no craven fear of being great—Ardently Canadian, fundamentally British, let us have the common will to work in this, our great Imperial Workshop. “So builded we the wall and all the wall was joined together for the people had a will to work.” With the minimum of friction, with the maximum of production (the true object of our human engineering), there will be the joy of reward—something achieved. Let us mix the mortar and not stand by with folded arms. Let us level up and not level down, grow up and not grow down, raise the standards not lower them.

“One bulwark of the right;
 One front in every fight;
 One life of liberty;
 One noble destiny;
 One glorious memory;
 Anglo Saxons one.”

The **reception** of your Grand Master as your representative and ambassador, by the Masons of New York, of Massachusetts, of Pennsylvania, of Maine, of Rhode Island, of Connecticut, of New Jersey, of New Hampshire, and of those many other States from Texas to Washington whom I met as fellow guests at the Communications and Banquet Board, was most cordial and gratifying, and I have realized as never before, of what fine calibre and character, how near in kinship and in aim, how congenial in spirit, how actively friendly, how warmly fraternal, are those 2,700,000 virile Masons of the **United States**, our allies and neighbors, who have formed an everlasting compact with us to pitch our tents hereafter in the pleasant plains of peace. The metre may not be perfect, but the sentiment of the following verses is:—

“Let politicians talk their fill,
 And papers print what papers will,
 The common folk on either side
 Of the invisible divide—
 Canadian, United States—

Are providential working mates.
 Now on our lengthened border-line
 We give but one glad countersign—
 Be it the same till time shall end—
 'This: "Who goes there?" "A friend!" "A friend!"
 And let us to all nations prove
 That nations can as brother love."

And with a wider sweep and International Anglo-Saxon vision, Alfred Noyes writes:—

"Black night and threatening weather;
 Bare poles and canvas furled;
 Pull hard, and pull together
 If you would save the world.

They break the word they plighted.
 Let ours be doubly true;
 For half the world united
 Can make the world anew."

Masonry has a body as well as a soul, and our responsible officials charged with the administration of our "temporalities" are expected, and have proved, to be diligent in **business** as well as fervent in spirit, and true to their trust. The following statistical table of progressive increase in material blessings will prove interesting and give us confidence. We do not tabulate our resources with vulgar pride, but with a sincere sense of gratitude for that wealth of men and material and experience that enables us to do good and enjoy life together—part of the mission and ministry of Masonry.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA

Year	No. of Districts	No. of Lodges	No. of Members	Total Assets	Grants of Benevolence
1855	7	41	no record	no record	no record
1865	10	179	no record	\$16,000	\$ 330
1875	13	288	15,934	59,000	5,605
1885	13	356	18,983	68,000	9,800
1895	18	351	22,805	86,575	9,396
1905	21	391	34,965	137,017	13,940
1915	23	445	58,983	206,146	34,745
1922	28	527	94,500	400,573	82,000
1923	28	537	100,000	425,000	91,000

Not included in above is the Belgian Relief Fund, collected and paid to the King of the Belgians in 1915—\$42,232.96.

In 1903 when the present **Grand Treasurer** took charge, and he will to-day present his 21st Report—the 375 Lodges in the 20 Districts had a membership of 30,485 who paid into Grand Lodge approximately \$23,000 as compared with approximately \$127,000 during the past year—a six fold increase. Investments then were \$93,000, now \$405,000, a more than four fold increase. Not a dollar has been lost in investments, nor has a dollar been paid for procuring same. This is an enviable, a unique record, and I suggest to Grand Lodge that they would honour themselves by making some worthy acknowledgment of the faithful service of the Grand Treasurer and of his efficient colleague, his son, W. Bro. Gerald M. Malone, who in this financial work, and in the arduous task of the re-distribution and increase of Districts has given of his time and services in the most whole-hearted and satisfying way. It is impossible to give higher rank to the honoured father, and I recommend that this Grand Lodge at this meeting do confer Honorary rank upon his son and coadjutor, W. Bro. Gerald Malone for distinguished and meritorious services. "The sire lives in his sons," is especially true of the "Lewis" of all Masonic fathers, which all Master builders ought to try at least to be.

I revised and confirmed 32 sets of new **Bylaws** during the year and considered 145 Amendments proposed, approving of 131.

I wrote nearly 1,000 **letters** and telegrams, my epistolary correspondence almost rivalling that of M.W. Bro. John Ross Robertson who accomplished the unattainable. I did not knowingly (except in cases of long absence on official duty) leave a letter unanswered more than three days. I fear I have made of Sec. 61 of the Constitution a dead letter—but it was in a live cause.

No less than 675 **Dispensations** have been granted during the 12 months.

25 Lodges have been **Consecrated** during the year, at 17 of which I personally officiated, the remainder having been taken by my trusty Corps Commanders, the

D.D.G.M's. I have spoken of these Consecrations elsewhere in this Address.

19 Lodges have been **Dedicated** during the year, at several of which it was my privilege to preside. I do not wish to discriminate, but would suggest that any Lodge Officers who contemplate building a New Temple (the House Beautiful) or remodelling an old one, should visit and inspect Brockville, Windsor, and Grimsby, which are perfect in their appointments and provision for both the social and ceremonial needs of the Brethren.

In speaking of social needs, I do not include dance halls. The "light fantastic" has been a bit over-done in certain Lodges—do we Masons **need** to "chase the hours with flying feet?"

The Kingston Brethren have also recently purchased a stately edifice, which they are fitting out on a fine architectural scale for the uses and comfort of the Craft. It should be the ambition of all Lodges—or groups of Lodges—to own their own Masonic Home and feel the joy of a precious possession—the pride of permanent proprietorship.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

Again let me, with all kindness, but also all earnestness, urge upon those Brethren who have been honoured with Credentials as the chosen Representatives of sister Grand Jurisdictions, the necessity or at least the propriety of their being present at our Grand Lodge at least every second year, to receive the Grand Honours to which the Grand Bodies they represent are entitled, and to carry or convey the greetings of this Grand Lodge and an account of our Proceedings, to the Grand Masters of those Grand Jurisdictions by whom they have been accredited. Failing this, would it not be fair that they should resign and pass on this most honorable and useful office to others who will appreciate the unifying privilege and perform the cementing duties of the trust they have accepted. Vacancies having occurred during the year, I have filled them as follows:—

R.W. Bro. J. McC. Potts, Stirling, Grand Lodge of Queensland.

R.W. Bro. R. H. Spencer, Trenton, (Grand Z. of Royal Arch Chapter), Grand Lodge of Kansas.

R.W. Bro. H. F. Ketcheson, Belleville, Grand Lodge of The Netherlands.

R.W. Bro. W. S. Herrington, K.C., Napanee, Grand Lodge of North Carolina.

R.W. Bro. F. K. Ebbitt, Iroquois Falls, Grand Lodge of California.

I have confirmed the following recommendations of Representatives to represent us in other Grand Jurisdictions:—

V.W. Bro. David Cunningham, Sydney, Grand Lodge of New South Wales.

W. Bro. Geo. P. Porter, Helena, Grand Lodge of Montana.

R.W. Bro. Charles A. Adams, Montello, Grand Lodge of Wisconsin.

M.W. Bro. Quintin Paredes, Manila, Grand Lodge of Philippine Islands.

I appointed V. W. Bro. Colonel Alexander Fraser, A.D.C., to fill the office held by the late V. W. Bro. Horace Hardy, and I appointed R. W. Bro. Putman of Ottawa, to fill the place rendered vacant by the lamented death of R. W. Bro. George S. May.

At my earnest request and at much sacrifice R. W. Bro. George Moore accepted the onerous and responsible duties of Chairman of the Committee of Audit and Finance, which he has filled for the past few months most ably and acceptably.

NEW LODGES

There are now on the register of Grand Lodge 536 Lodges, of which 522 are warranted and 14 are under Dispensation. Of these, four have had their Dispensations continued from 1922. I have granted Dispensations for the Institution of the following eleven Lodges:—

Birch Cliff, Birch Cliff; Fort Erie, Fort Erie; Adanac, Merritton; Dominion, Ridgeway; Perfection, St. Catharines; North Bay, North Bay; Thunder Bay, Port Arthur; Runnymede, Toronto; Bay of Quinte, Toronto; Lorne, Chapleau; Doric, Kirkland Lake.

Reports from the D.D.G.M.'s and the Secretaries show that all are prospering in their lusty young manhood and promise to give added strength and wider opportunity to the Craft, which depends for its vital work and worth, upon these units in orbits, these power-houses on the lines of communication—these mothers and matrices of men.

The advisory and consultative Committee appointed in Toronto to investigate and report upon Petitions for new Lodges, have done excellent work and have materially aided me in my decisions. Under the advice of these experienced Craftsmen who consider problems from the highest point of view, I have declined two Petitions and have deferred action as to another. I refused one also in Ottawa after consulting some stalwarts of the Craft.

To the members of the various **Committees and Commissions** appointed for this and all other purposes I express grateful appreciation for their faithful and far seeing work in the cause of the Craft in matters requiring firm backbone and clear vision.

WARRANTS

As accorded by this Grand Lodge at our last Annual Communication, I immediately thereafter issued Warrants to the following 25 Lodges:—

Kaministiquia, Fort William; Royal Edward, Kingston; War Veterans, Patricia, Grey, North Gate, Fairbank, Mount Dennis, Maple Leaf, Melita, Unity and Golden Fleece, all of Toronto; National, Capreol; Defenders and Rideau, of Ottawa; St. Andrew's, Hillcrest and Hugh Murray of Hamilton; Martintown, Martintown; Temple, London; Dominion and Palace of Windsor; St. Paul, Sarnia; Campbell, Campbellville; Gothic, Lindsay.

That these Warrants or Charters will be preserved as a sacred trust, not merely as a record of the Founders,

but also as embodying the fundamental principles and root of being on which each Lodge is established and based, and that each new member will be urged to read for himself this historic document and title deed, is the hope of your Grand Master. It is interesting to note that our first Grand Master William Mercer Wilson who held office for over 10 years, issued and signed more warrants than any five of his successors.

I gave permission to receive applications from and to initiate 16 men, **physically defective**, under Section 181A of the Constitution. Most of them were service men, and each case was specially investigated and reported on. They will be pillars and ornaments. The letter killeth, the spirit giveth life.

I gave permission to two Lodges by consent to accept candidates outside the Lodge **jurisdiction**, partly on utilitarian and expedient, but largely on sympathetic grounds, the candidates' fathers and relatives being and having been old members of the petitioning home Lodges.

Permission was given to two Lodges to receive a candidate who had not completed 12 months' residence; this on account of the occupation of the candidate—a bank clerk and a teacher, under special circumstances.

I ruled that in the case of life membership, where the By-laws do not explicitly call for a "continuous" membership, the total number of years during which the member has been in good standing in the Lodge must count.

I refused to declare a ballot invalid, although it was discovered afterwards that one adverse ballot had been deposited in mistake. The W.M. had declared the ballot against the applicant, and I could not allow a **new one**.

I declared a ballot invalid where the Secretary had issued a defective notice, omitting to place the name of the applicant on the notice for the meeting at which the ballot was taken.

I held the initiation of a candidate (a Railway man boarding at Chapleau) by a Lodge at his former home Town to be an invasion of jurisdiction, and I directed that the fees paid be handed over to the Lodge entitled,

that the customary fee be paid to Grand Lodge for Dispensation, and the candidate having apparently misrepresented facts as to previous rejection in his application, I directed investigation to be made and trial held.

I gave many other Rulings and decisions which, being based on exceptional circumstances, are not of general interest or profit. Some are referred to elsewhere in this address.

COMMISSIONS

I appointed four Commissions composed of experienced Craftsmen to adjudicate on and try certain charges and issues.

(1) The Kelly Case—Defendant reprimanded in open Lodge and cautioned.

(2) The Herb Case—Defendant reprimanded in open Lodge for trafficking, and, with others concerned, cautioned.

(3) The Jones Case—Defendant found guilty of selling copies of so-called secret work, and suspended till this meeting of Grand Lodge, and purchasers reprimanded.

(4) Unity Lodge, Toronto—Commission have not yet reported.

The trafficking in and barefaced selling and buying, (usually at exorbitant prices) of what purport to be copies of our Ritual and secret work, is a growing evil, and no reprimand is a sufficiently deterrent penalty either for buyer or seller. Apart from the commercializing and prostitution of this sacred secret work, dealers and receivers should pause and consider the violation of solemn obligation. Hereafter professed ignorance, callow youth, and inept inexperience will not avail as excuses from those found guilty.

Three complaints have been made against members of Lodges for "wronging a Mason by fraud"—a grievous Masonic offence, chiefly in connection with the selling or "unloading" of worthless stock on inexperienced and credulous young Brethren, but as the complainants did not care to lay charges, no action could be taken. I feel

it my duty to mention these regrettable incidents, by way of salutary warning.

We must take the bitter with the sweet in this mosaic of humanity. We are by no means yet near perfection; there are **delinquents** in every fold and flock—fewer in relative proportion in the Craft, I believe, than in any other Body of men in a world of men.

My duty impels me also to speak here of four other matters that call for adverse comment, and against which this Honourable and Ancient Craft must be protected. Amiability in some matters becomes pusillanimity, and soft speech, soothing syrup.

(1) There is a chorus of complaint as to the violation of **secrecy** and the leakage of transactions of the Lodges through **divided allegiance** and through thoughtlessness. Many of the gentle, philanthropic and altogether charming Ladies of the Eastern Star know within 24 hours who have been balloted for, what is the fate of candidates, and what the discussions at the meetings. It is not the fault of the Ladies who do not pry and probe, it is the men who unbosom themselves, and who must be disciplined. Brethren, again let it be repeated officially from the Throne that members of the Eastern Star, or any other female Order, dear as they are to us as our kith and kin—are not and never can be Masons—and that males who associate themselves in Office with them, **in their capacity as Masons** and who are chosen as such by reason of their being in good standing in the Third Degree—(which no one outside the Craft has the right to know)—are defying the edict of this Grand Lodge passed at its last annual Communication. This applies to all other organizations (not recognized by this Grand Lodge) who make Masonry itself the open test and condition of Membership and of office. We are and always have been an exclusive Sovereign Jurisdiction as to our Members, but we neither presume nor desire to interfere with our Members in their **outside** personal relationships with the world or any other organization that is respectable and lawful. We cheerfully accord appreciative praise to many of these Bodies for their splendid philanthropies and social service. All we Masons say is “please let us alone!” With the help of God, we are sufficient unto ourselves, and furnish within our Lodges, ladders and

channels of service, light and delight, a cornucopia of human happiness to the company of glad folk who monthly assemble within our hospitable and companionable portals.

(2) DILATORY LODGES

The following Lodges did not make before May 31st, 1923, (the end of our financial year) their payments on their December (1922) returns:—

- 87 Markham Union, Markham.
- 109 Albion, Harrowsmith.
- 172 Ayr, Ayr.
- 338 Dufferin, Wellandport.
- 424 Doric, Pickering.
- 602 Hugh Murray, Hamilton.
- 341 Bruce, Tiverton.

There are also some Secretaries who have not sent prompt and full replies to the enquiries of the Inspector of Benevolence (R.W. Bro. Nixon) and other officials of Grand Lodge. Apart from his official position, one would have thought that his over half century of service to the Craft (full of years and honour) would have entitled him to every courtesy. Let me suggest a **Secretaries' Association** or Bureau, then the few would not impair the splendid reputation for hard work and loyal labour, which most of the Secretaries exemplify in their onerous and honourable offices. But the Secretary who thinks himself the whole Lodge should be removed from office.

(3) MINUTE MADE MASONS

There is too much rushing and grouping and teaming in Degree Work. There is nothing worse than perfunctory Degree grinding. Degrees should be stately in their rhythmic ceremonial dignity—and individual in contact. But what can be said of Masters and Past Masters who profess to have given the solemn Third Degree to each of 4 candidates in 15 minutes. The mills of God grind slowly. Let us call a halt or the grist will be spoiled by these high powered artists of milling legerdemain. They mean well but are mistaken. God knows we all make mistakes. Let us pray:—

“What is soiled, make it pure—
What is wounded, work its cure,
What is parched, fructify.”

(4) No less than 105 Lodges have (I will not say refused to reply) but have refrained from replying to the Questionnaire and correspondence sent out by the accredited Committee of this Grand Lodge who under the able chairmanship of R.W. Bro. Dargavel and the efficient Secretaryship of V.W. Bro. Radford, have throughout the year been endeavouring to collect, collate and digest information and statistics regarding that most momentous matter now before Grand Lodge, the proposed establishment of a **Home, Hospital and School**, that stately and superb edifice to which I referred at length in my last Annual Address; and regarding Masonic Benevolence and charity generally. This Committee was to the personal knowledge of the responsible and dilatory Masters and Secretaries, invested with all the authority of the Grand Master and this Grand Lodge, yet they did not deign to give even a negative reply or even acknowledge receipt as business courtesy demanded. Some of them must be within hearing of my voice, and I ask them how can they ever forgive themselves for this delinquent neglect of a manifest and pressing duty. They did not of course contemplate the **result** which is that full consideration of this vital matter must go over for another year for lack of comparative material and sufficient returns and data. It is a grievous disappointment to many who had the vision splendid. We must no longer lag behind other Grand Jurisdictions in this noble work but we must hasten slowly and with due deliberation. We are 100,000 strong; but it must not be in members only. This lack of cohesion shown by these 105 Lodges well illustrates our **Interdependence**. A Lodge is no isolated unit, cribbed, cabined and confined—ploughing a lonely furrow, or digging a lonely ditch. One man is no man. One Lodge is no Lodge, many Lodges—one Craft. We are all members one of another. The eye cannot say to the hand “I have no need of thee.” When one member is honoured all the members rejoice thereat. I am a part of all that I have met. “I have a pain in my finger,” not my finger has a pain, as Plato long centuries ago pointed out. These are pregnant truths still. Each is far more than a cog or

spoke in a mechanical wheel. Masonry is a conscious pulsating life—we its veins, arteries and nerves. Brethren, let us work together hereafter and with the celerity of the eagle as well as the intelligence of the man—Bis dat qui cito dat—Meanwhile G. L. Benevolence is not neglected as grants of \$92,000 this year prove.

In speaking of Homes, and the building of stately Mansions (leaving our “low-vaulted past”), I am of opinion that at an early date this Grand Lodge should consider the advisability of erecting a **Central Temple** where Grand Lodge Officials would transact the increasingly complicated business of Grand Lodge, and where Grand Lodge could assemble in a worthy auditorium of its own—perhaps in half yearly sessions—one for strictly business purposes, and one—the annual—for general purposes as now—and **that not** I would suggest in the summer solstice of July. Verily, here we have no continuing City. We are transient sojourners. We have out-grown all existing Temples. When Pennsylvania pioneered the way and erected their magnificent Building—still leading the Masonic world in architectural completeness—they were no stronger than are we. Let us be up and doing in the near future. I submit the idea for thoughtful consideration next year. In any event I submit that the Board of General Purposes might with advantage be regularly called together twice a year to consider matters pertaining to the best present interests and welfare and progress of the Craft. These are spacious days and we move quickly therein. We are growing up—not growing down; we ascend the progressive steps of “I am, I can, I know, I will”. Let us give ourselves royally, individually and collectively, and use the best methods to reap as we have sown. If diligent in business, we shall stand before Kings.

While speaking of the Board of General Purpose, it may not be amiss to refer to the **Committee of General Purposes** of the Constituent Lodge. There is a growing tendency (especially in Toronto) to vest too much power in this Committee and to transact business therein that properly belongs to and should be discussed in open Lodge. It was never, for instance, intended that this whole Committee should be the investigating Committee on character and standing of applicants—to be appointed

by the Master in open Lodge—and charged with special and double responsibility—first to the Lodge and second (and not a negligible one) to the Petitioner who knocks at our well tiled door. Neither was it ever intended that this select and administrative and auxiliary Committee of General Purposes should be a Committee of the whole and should consist of all the Master Masons of the Lodge. This defeats the very object of its existence, and in resultant experience, is not truly democratic, for I have observed that the work continues to be done by a few month by month, and this tends to bureaucracy. The well worn way of experience, Brethren, is the best—a fair sized and responsible Committee of present and past Officers in conjunction with a representation of well seasoned Master Masons not in office.

In all these matters I speak simply as an older student to his younger Brethren. The higher they will rise who strive for the highest and best, in the material as well as the moral and spiritual phases of our Craft work. In any event we must all at some time in some way “**pull, bail or cut bait,**” each putting in a little more than he takes out—honest altruistic work its own adequate reward. But there must be **steersmanship**—which being interpreted etymologically and appliedly means Government. “What’s best administered is best.”

With due ceremony and in the presence of a large concourse of people, I laid the **corner-stone** of a new Masonic Temple at Englehart on the T. & N.O. Railway, a conspicuous example of abiding confidence in their fine Craft Lodge, for the whole Town does not number much more than 1,000 inhabitants. The Deputy Grand Master aslo laid the Corner-stone of the new Methodist Church at Stockdale, the population of four Townships pouring in to witness the event. At each function we had the invaluable assistance of the Grand Secretary and several Grand Lodge Officers past and present. M. W. Bro. W. R. White P. G. M., at my request laid the corner-stone of a Cottage Hospital at Pembroke.

The **Grand Lodge Officers** this year have been most indefatigable in attending meetings and contributing of their best to holding the lamp of the Craft high. I may, I feel sure, with common consensus, especially mention

the Grand Junior Warden and Grand Director of Ceremonies. The D.D.G.M's. of the year have all done able and conscientious work. This will be especially recognized in the Report on the Condition of Masonry, but I wish to add a personal tribute to their unselfish labour of love, their fruitful influence in uniting the Lodges and instructing and stimulating the Brethren to action and production. All the **Masters of Lodges** that I have met (and I have met many)—for they share with their neighbors in most generous and exemplary fashion—have impressed me as being earnest and sincere and devoted men, most of them having the power of enlisting co-operation—of leading as well as ruling, so that it has always been a pleasure as well as duty for their loyal Brethren to greet, hail and obey them. The Lodge is the Master's mirror, but it is something more—it is a golden opportunity—a rich plantation—a composite of living stones—held together by the living word. Confidence, self respect, constant vigilance—incessant repair of the Highways of fraternity, are all needed; the common will determining the great result—the greater reward. There are no sinecures in Grand Lodge or her constituent units. If you want a field of labour, you can find it anywhere. Have your tools ready, God will provide the work for the willing worker, remembering that "it is good to be zealously affected always in a good thing." This zeal is productive. Live Masons are quick to kindle—keen in acquisition—generous in distribution.

"The heights by great men reached and kept,
Were not attained by sudden flight,
But they while their companions slept—
Were toiling upwards through the night."

and towards the light—both revealed and natural.
Dominus illuminatio mea, most radiant of all.

At **Christmas** we issued on your behalf an illuminated card of cordial greeting which found its way of good cheer all over the Masonic world, and many and appreciative were the acknowledgments received. The card was unique in artistic lettering and colouring, and even Boston admitted that they could not surpass it in beauty. We quote part of the first and last pages:—

“To bind our good friendship with men of good will.”

“For our Brothers’ and Companions’ sake, we wish thee felicity.”

“Come let us drink together the cup of memory and of hope; the loving cup of friendship and good comradeship; the stirrup cup of the league of good cheer.”

“Keep the lines of communication clear.” Every greeting we send, every letter we write, every visit we pay, outside our own jurisdiction, helps to knit up those ties which, soft as silk but strong as steel, link up together Masonry universal, and thus focus and intensify the thoughts of men towards amity and good will.

“Blow, bugles of battle,
The marches of peace.”

God help the man who would by word or action, short circuit that **magnetic current** which those who have ears to hear, and hearts to feel, must realize is essential if we are ever to attain to the Parliament of Man and the Federation of the world—the reign of love and the reign of law. Each can contribute his quota—each man is God’s minister. Each Lodge, God’s vineyard. Let us together with the Brethren of our friends and allies, break down the barriers of race and class arrogance and prejudice—let us emphasize our likenesses—our beneficent identities not our differences and bury all our absurd and ancient feuds.

I am very proud and glad to note the responsive result of a campaign commenced by myself and associate advocates two years ago to make general the good work of two lodges in holding once a year at least a **Father, Son and Brother Night** at the Refreshment Hours—(surrendering Degree work with that object). The experiment has become a triumphant experience—and boys and men have exultantly shared pleasures and profit therefrom. These events which have set old men’s pulses throbbing again, have been conducted with a rare tact and sympathy worthy of our wise and gentle Craft, have stimulated and increased both parental, fraternal and filial affection, have elevated mutual respect, and have

opened up wide vistas for future work with and among the boys, the Nation's best assets, a challenge to make the coming and growing generation better than the past. May none of us fathers or elder brothers have to make the confession that— "now 'tis little joy, to think I'm further off from Heaven, than when I was a Boy." What is a Boy? The beginning of a Man! Blest be the man that hath his quiver full of them, and who as a good old Boy, can and does pray:

"And when we have done with our life lasting toys,
Dear Father, take care of thy children, the Boys!"

The priceless gift of youth is to be used, not abused or disused, and contact is glorious. The Boys themselves invariably furnished the major part of the entertainment, glowed gleefully in the doing of it, and listened patiently and deferentially to the addresses of their elders. There is not universal, though there is general approval of the United States Order of De Molay for **Boys**, which teaches or exemplifies the seven-fold virtues. It behooves us to consider at least whether this Grand Lodge should approve of a similar Canadian Order—omitting perhaps the spectacular degree and pruning and simplifying somewhat. The sculptor first takes clay—afterwards the Cararra—meet for the Master's use—. But no ideal is too high. In the groping and drifting age between 16 and 20 we should throw out the life line and keep them in touch with the centre and the loyalties of life. Life is law, not luck. Neither boys nor men are mere manikins of fate. Education is as large as life and all life is education. Live and learn. The school of experience is a good one but the fees are high and the course is long. Can we Masons as builders of manhood, as trustees for posterity, do something positive to bridge the gulf—to help our boys across the tidal flow. Let each one say "Who will stand at my right hand and keep the Bridge with me?" Where there's a will there's a way—the Craft is marching on—. The material to be dealt with is not raw or inanimate; it is of the pedigreed best and the breed is better than the pasture.

"If we're thoroughbred here,
We'll be thoroughbred there."

Manitoba has ventured in, and the Boys of Winnipeg, sons of Masons, have a very strong organization and are

reported to be doing fine work. They staged a wonderfully dramatic ceremony on the night after Grand Lodge had closed, in the Board of Trade auditorium in the presence of over 1,000 Master Masons, with marked histrionic ability.

I was received by the **Grand Lodge of Manitoba**, which I officially visited as your representative, with all honour and with abounding hospitality. I was made a Past Grand Master of Manitoba to signalize the first visit to that Grand Lodge of the Grand Master of the Mother Grand Lodge of Canada for 46 years. In cooler weather I would translate for you some of the vigorous virility of that wonderful Western City and Province—in 1870 a group of 150 in Winnipeg and now a Metropolis of 175,000, far more than a gateway to the granaries of Empire—ripening for harvest. Letters of regret have been received from I.P.G.M. Baird, from G.M. Major, and from G.S. Ovas, one of whom we expected to have had with us to share Grand honours with our galaxy of honoured guests, from whom we will hear with delight at our great Masonic meeting this Wednesday evening.

R.W. Bro. E. B. Brown, our Grand Historian, would be glad to receive material from the Lodges which he would weave into Biographic history with his facile pen. He has been obliged owing to his increased legal duties at Osgoode Hall—to give up the chair of **Fraternal Correspondence**, which he has so genially filled for some years, and the work has been sub-divided, so that this year's Report will reflect the mintage of several minds—the alembic of several interpreters, but the burden of the work has fallen up W. Bro. R. C. Blagrove, D.D., of Peterboro, who cheerfully volunteered his services, and the nuggets of ore he has extracted from the Proceedings of other Jurisdictions reflect credit alike upon the producers of the material substance, and the skilled hand that has discriminately epitomised them. Do our young Brethren realize what a treasure house of Craft lore, what a fecund and procreative matrix of ideas and modern thought is to be found in this Fraternal Correspondence which never grows old or stale? Volumes five years old are fresh and bracing. Next to a correspondence fixed with Heaven, which as Burns says, is a noble anchor

—is correspondence with our great Brotherhood of every clime the world over, acting and reacting on one another—all for each, each for all—.

Let me touch briefly on a few topics of current practical interest.

1. Every Lodge should have a **Bookshelf** and a Historian. A Library is the university of later life. In Toronto there is the John Ross Robertson Library of 2,000 volumes, an asset of the whole Craft. Use it, and call wisdom thy sister. The History of St. Andrew's Lodge No. 16 published this year, is an example of what an indefatigable Biographer (R.W. Bro. H. T. Smith) and rich material, can provide. Bro. H. Linney is working for Muskoka in this regard.

2. The Lodge **summons** is improving but is not yet perfect. It should be attractive in substance and in form. Spend a few dollars less on the stomach, a few more on the mind. While the summons should not be bare or bald, neither should it be flippant or frivolous, and while it should instruct and even sometimes inspire, care should be taken not to overweight it with the esoteric—the proper subject for Papers to be read in open Lodge.

3. Former suggestions as to the revision and shortening of the Funeral Service and the Junior Warden's Lecture, have been received with approval. Let us act. Will not some skilled Brother also volunteer to write a **ceremonial** for the unveiling of a tablet, or window or monument—the memorial of the faithful?

4. The attendance of the Brethren as Defenders of the Faith, at **Divine Service** together at least once a year—preferably on one of the St. John's days, should be encouraged as an annual duty and privilege. Let us show that we are a Band of men, whose hearts God has touched with the Great Light.

5. More care is being taken to preserve the sanctity of the **ballot**, and balloting at the altar is again becoming general. The abuse of the ballot is the great breeder of discord—discord should be impossible. Thank God there is little of it. Be firm and resolute with the offender by whom the offence cometh. Make him feel personally. His punishment will be greater than he can bear.

6. The Educational side of Masonry progresses apace, but why so many Papers and Addresses at Lodge meetings on subjects extraneous to Masonry? There is before us a whole ocean of undiscovered truth—a great uncharted tidal sea. Let us honour the Pilots of Research. Let us cultivate intellectual curiosity. **Past Masters'** Associations and the **Masonic Press** (ably edited) are doing excellent and not sufficiently appreciated work. Let us support these organs of Craft life and thought. They are links on the anvil and keep us abreast of the times.

Each component part should know what the others are doing and saying and thinking.

7. The estimable practice of presenting to the young Master Mason a copy of the volume of the **Sacred Law** appropriately inscribed, is being generally adopted, and should be universal. It will be treasured and handed down as a precious heirloom, and read as it should be by all Masons as a great repository of symbolism, of poetry, music, truth and inspiration. The Bible was the loom on which our language was woven—and is the best antidote to the Hymns of Hate of the Anarchists and those who take liberties with liberty, and the negations of the “stupid atheist and irreligious libertine”. It helps us as does Freemasonry, to open.

“Our eyes to see the unseen in the seen,
The vision of the worker in his work.”

8. Some of the **good deeds** with which Grand Lodge may be credited this year are (1) The prompt remittance of \$1,000 to our flame-stricken Brethren in the North. (2) \$1,000 to the Grand Lodge of Ireland for special cases. (3) \$150 to the Red Cross for Cochrane Typhoid sufferers. (4) Several grants from the Emergency Fund established last year—which has served a very useful purpose. One additional field for the productive philanthropy and public spirit of the Craft is opened up by our Sister Jurisdictions in the West and I suggest that we should follow it by establishing 3 **Educational Scholarships** in our Provincial University* for sons of Masons who are handicapped by straightened means. God has blessed us in basket*and store—we can afford it. Stop giving only when the Master stops giving to you.

9. Instances have arisen during the year which emphasize the necessity of a more strict, though always courteous and considerate examination of visitors. The requirement of the production of a **written voucher** or credential, in addition to knowledge of the Work, insisted upon by our Sister Jurisdictions, is a good precaution.

10. The enactments of Constitution and By-laws as to automatic restoration of **suspended Brethren**, need revision and stiffening up. Our present system puts a premium on carelessness and delinquency as to fees and dues, arrears of which are worse than buried talents. We ought to be all plus people, not minus.

11. Masters and Wardens should cultivate the virtue of punctuality in opening their Lodges—and should allow no empty unused minutes during the proceedings. Fill full the hours—fulfil your duty. Be alert—vigilant. Avoid laggard and lax lassitude and listlessness and remember that **procrastination** is more than the thief of time—it is the murderer of opportunity.

A fruitful subject for consideration and discussion is the course of **promotion to Office**. If the line of succession is formally to be observed, how careful should be the selection of Junior Officers, and how almost impossible to choose from the untried, one of Master timber—one who latently bears the Field Marshal's baton. In emigration problems if there is to be a melting pot, a careful eye must be kept on the metals that are to form the alloy. Concentrate on the metal. Promotion should not go to the man of good memory alone. Far more is needed, though the ritual is important. I have not been meticulous in asking for the letter perfect, yet Paul's advice to Timothy is good—"Hold fast to the form of sound words". In any event let it be understood that no one man is indispensable. The position of Grand Senior Warden has recently been commented on, and the question has been legitimately asked why should this office be an Honorary local one? With the increasing necessity of meeting hereafter only in larger Cities, the Brethren should give this thought.

With regard to Officers and Honours generally, we may have soon to create what may be compared with

London Rank, but perhaps the King's final Army Order best covers the situation. "My whole Army is illustrious." A witty Brother has thus summed up the matter: "Some Brethren get honours who don't deserve them, and some deserve honours who don't get them, and so on the whole justice is done." In all the great undertakings of the human race, there always has been:

"A legion that never was listed,
Breaking the way for the rest."

Their personal influence is not calculable by algebra nor deducible by logic, but quietly and unobtrusively gives tone and flavour and character to the Lodge and the community.

"Stillest streams oft water fairest meadows,
And the bird that flutters least is longest on the
wing."

Each one of us is a point within a circle—a **point of contact** and transmission. Let us give all that is in us to perpetuate the rooted principles for which our "band of Brothers" stand four-square. In or out of Office, let us be "constant and steadfast, zealous, witnessing." Thy will be done—by us. Be strong and play the man—play the game. "Whoso o'er-cometh shall all things inherit."

The **Masonic Service Association** of the United States who broadcast their monthly bulletin of information and "compelling urge," paid us the great compliment of reprinting part of our last Grand Lodge Proceedings and issued it to all their Members. We thank them for this signal honor—for this opportunity of sharing in the service.

On your behalf I extended a cordial invitation to our esteemed Brother Warren G. Harding, the honored **President of the United States**, to be with us today and to receive a national and Masonic welcome. He writes that he is "deeply appreciative of the invitation extended to him." He regrets that on account of his visit to Alaska it was not possible for him to accept, and he closes his courteous reply by stating that he is "glad to send his fraternal greetings and his best wishes to you and your

associates." Letters of regret were also received from the Grand Masters of Scotland and of Ireland.

I cannot close this part of my address without acknowledging my deep personal obligation to my predecessor, I.P.G.M. Harcourt, who has been always ready to fill a breach or line a trench—and indeed I have to thank all the **Past Grand Masters** for good counsel and co-operation. Grand Lodge is indeed fortunate in the possession of this long loyal line of Rulers, who with the Executive of Grand Lodge, strive to be

"Tall men, sun crowned, who stand above the fog.
In public duty and in private thinking."

THE LAW

I have spoken of the Church Militant; let me speak also of that other "blessed tie that binds"—which with the men behind the Flag (the ramparts of indomitable men), constitute together the great triumvirate of the perfect law of liberty and right. Law and Justice—just, perfect and regular—casting its protective aegis over lives and homes and country. No one has touched so close to the centre and fountain of truth of the whole matter, as that outstanding Mason and Judge of the great Cosmopolitan Court, the British Privy Council. Hear him in a recent address delivered in both Canada and the United States:—

"Stand aloof for a little and watch that moving jostling, elbowing, combatant crowd which we call civilization. There is a figure there that is bigger, more upstanding, more commanding than on your last survey. More and more he seems to control the crowd, suppressing confusion, regulating traffic, making the rough places plain and every place safe: and his hand is swift and heavy on crime and on the sneak, and tender and helpful to the weak and the struggling and the oppressed. His name is Law.

"When he gets into his working garb we call him Jurisprudence. For Jurisprudence is just law with a gown on. And if it is, as it should be, a roomy gown, it neither chills his heart nor impedes his growth.

“The essential privilege of law is to defend the canon of its equality—namely, that all must have equal treatment by the law, as the broad inevitable resultant right of free citizenship.

“Justice conserving the rights of all, and commanding the duties of all, issues its decree that right and duty must dwell together in the **peace of mutuality**. In this mutuality of rights and of duties both can be evolved into that harmony wherein law is vindicated, force restrained, progress possible; and so peace among men becomes the everyday achievement of social life.

Lord Shaw concluded his address as follows: “We must go forward; we must follow the light; from this the attractions of popularity dare not deflect us. We remember Washington’s pronouncement:

“ ‘If to please the people we offer what we ourselves disapprove, how can we afterwards defend our work? Let us raise a standard to which the wise and honest can repair. The event is in the hand of God.’ ”.

Brethren of this stabilizing and creative Craft, we **veteran** Masons after years of work are not losing the grip of the strong cable tow and still feel the charm of the delicate filigree work of Craftsmanship. We say to you **young Masons** be enthusiastic—be more than conventionally respectable. Be splendidly aggressive—be firm and resolute! Rejoice, and again I say, Rejoice, as Paul urged. Light and darkness, happiness and misery, are positive and negative. Let us be positive. Be yourself happily. Visit yourself sometimes and ask yourself the question “are we happy together, myself and I?” If not, use the vision introspective and circumspective. Go find your Brother of good cheer, for no Mason should be lonely or desolate. Get into action. Avoid disputes. Men are attuned more to harmony than to strife. Masonry is a higher plane than the arena of partisan conflicts and political fluctuations. Be productive. Let the fountain never run dry. Beware of the encroachment of the desert. Be reinvigorated by contact. Keep the lion heart, but not the iron heart. Be just and fear not. To each man his day and his work for the day. Men of thought and men of action clear the way. Have the upward reach. Draw from the limitless stores with unflagging zeal. This above

all to thine own self be true. Steer by the stars of duty, discipline, devotion, love, faith, hope and work, and then with the compass of this staunch Craft you will reach the home port, battered it may be and with a spar gone, but with a rich cargo wherewith to enrich your little world.

On the 20th July, 1588, the **Armada** was sighted by the watchful sentinels of England—the stalwart sailors who kept the “bastions of the brine”. On the very eve of that Anniversary I read from this old family Heirloom—the Breeches Armada Bible—which was being printed by the good Queen Bess at the time of the invasion, just 335 years ago, this cumulative charter of the Craft of St. Paul. “Finally Brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are **of good report**, if there be any virtue, if there be any praise, think on these things.”

This year as last year, it was our privilege to express our loyalty in words of greeting—last year to the Princess Mary, this year to the Duke of York and his bonnie Scottish Bride. “Better loe’d ye canna be”. Last year his people received a stirring and touching message from the King. This year our children (and we through them) have received a **royal greeting** from both King and Queen. How sons and daughters, and all loyal and loving hearts responded to the gracious and thoughtful words of Her Majesty as she urged the girls—the future mothers of the race, to make and keep home happy and to fit themselves to make their own future happy homes—as “members of the great British Family—with love, kindness and unselfishness, which in cloud and sunshine form the strength and beauty of life.” God bless their Majesties, the crowned and beloved Heads of a Nation that respects the validity of contract, the sanctity of treaty, that pays her honest debts, and whose centre is still the Homeland.

We, your **Standard Bearers**, who this day surrender again to your keeping the trust you have reposed in us, the honourable offices with which you have invested us, do not do so as did the Roman Conqueror of old repairing

to the Temple of Jupiter, with the trophies of victory, the conquered and the **slaves**—and the panoply and pageant of war—vae victis! Rather do we bring as freemen to freemen the generous friendships knit we trust for all time, the procession of happy memories that will always be mutually associated with the benignant ancient and Honorable Brotherhood.

“Whose ways are ways of gentleness,
And all her paths are peace.”

Together united we stand (as divided we would fail, falter and fall.), on very healthy soil, forming a league and column of mutual defence and support:—

“One realm of races four
Blest more and ever more,
God save our land!
Home of the brave and free
Set in the silver sea,
True nurse of chivalry,
God save our land!

“Kinsfolk in love and birth,
From utmost ends of earth.
God save us all!
Bid strife and hatred cease,
Bid hope and joy increase,
Spread universal peace
God save us all!

And we **Canadians** God grant that we always “keep faith with the heritage by more than the word of the mouth”—and that as a Highway of Empire—the Empire of a living spirit—and in amity and good will with our neighbors—the other great English speaking and radiant race—a Dominion of Rivers and Lakes and loyal and contented people *a mari usque ad mare*, we with heart and voice make this final invocation to the Great Architect of the Universe.

“Thus, as to all the earth the rivers’ song
Is borne in happy cadences of peace,

And glad, full-volumed tones of joyous might,
So may our nation's anthem, pure and strong,
Proclaim that Canada shall never cease
To be the home of freedom, truth and right."

WILLIAM N. PONTON,
Grand Master.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. F. W. Harcourt, seconded by M.W. Bro. J. H. Burritt and resolved, That the address of the M. W. the Grand Master be referred to a Special Committee of all the Past Grand Masters, to report thereon.

M.W. Bro. Malone: Brethren of Grand Lodge: You have heard the warm words of welcome which fell from the lips of our Grand Master to the distinguished brethren who are your guests today. Also the suggestion thrown out by him that Grand Lodge should honour those brethren. It is unnecessary for me to remind the Pro Grand Master of England, Lord Ampthill, that we received him this day not only as the Pro Grand Master of the Mother Lodge of all the lodges in the United States and Canada, we welcome him also as a Past Grand Master of this Grand Lodge, as he stands thus in our records. I am sure that he will approve of our action in conferring Past rank on the colleagues who accompany him. I therefore will present this motion to Grand Lodge and I am certain that you will receive it with acclaim.

I move that the following rank be conferred upon the following respective brethren of the Grand Lodge of England.

Very Worshipful Brother Sir John Ferguson, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of England, the rank of Past Grand Senior Warden.

Worshipful Brother Lt.-Col. H. Hamilton-Wedderburn, the Past Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies of the Grand Lodge of England, the rank of Past Grand Junior Warden.

Worshipful Brother A. E. Carlyle, Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies, the rank of Past Grand Junior Warden.

When I come to the United States, the brethren whom we come in contact with very often and for whom we have great respect, esteem and love, I suggest that we confer the rank of Past Grand Master on the Most Worshipful Bro. Dudley H. Ferrell, Grand Master of the Lodge of Massachusetts.

On Right Worshipful Bro. Ramsay the rank of Past Grand Senior Warden.

And on Right Worshipful Bro. Hilton, the rank of Past Grand Junior Warden.

On Most Worshipful Bro. Beitler, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and on his Deputy Right Worshipful Bro. Goodyear, I suggest that we confer the rank of Past Grand Master, and of Past Deputy Grand Master respectively. I have great pleasure in submitting this resolution, which is seconded by Most Worshipful Bro. Harcourt.

The Grand Master: Brethren, you have heard the resolution to confer Past Grand rank upon these distinguished brethren. You may have noticed that Most Worshipful Bro. Lord Ampthill's name was not mentioned, because he with H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, some years ago was made Past Grand Master of this Grand Lodge, so when we welcome him today we welcome one of our own.

The vote was then taken and the resolution was carried unanimously.

Right Worshipful and Worshipful Sirs: I have great pleasure indeed in now conferring upon you the Past Grand Rank which you have heard mentioned in the resolution which has just been moved by Most Worshipful Bro. Malone, seconded by Most Worshipful Bro. Harcourt. We feel that we have added pillars and columns of ornament to our Grand Lodge, to strengthen, stabilize and adorn it for all time, and we ask you to carry to your homes a cordial and royal greeting.

And now, my brethren, I am sure it will give us all delight if we take the reverse of their introduction and call first for a response from the Most Worshipful the Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England, Lord Ampthill.

M.W. Bro. The Rt. Hon. Lord Ampthill: Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren: I was so much overcome by the complimentary manner in which Most Worshipful Bro. Sir John Gibson was good enough to introduce me, and so much touched by the affectionate cordiality of the welcome which was extended to me by your Most Worshipful Grand Master, that I was truly glad when the Most Worshipful Grand Master told me that I need not get up at once to acknowledge these welcomes which you are all good enough to endorse, these kind and courteous and complimentary remarks. I thought that I should gain by that little period of rest but now I am of a different opinion; I wish indeed that I had been allowed to get up, because it is an old saying that if you look before you leap the plunge is more difficult. But what has happened is this: I have seen the torrent of your Most Worshipful Grand Master's eloquence; I have been awed by the sound of the rushing waters; I have been dazzled by the scintillating brilliance of that stream, so that I am like the Queen of Sheba when she had seen all the glorious splendour of King Solomon:—"There is no more spirit in me."

Brethren, my thoughts have been irresistibly turned to the days of King Solomon, when I observed with great admiration and envy the nature of the patriarchal and autocratic sway which your Grand Master exercises over the five hundred lodges and the 100,000 Masons in his jurisdiction.

Worshipful Master, I must content myself with giving you the messages with which my companions and I are charged. The day before we left England we were summoned by our Most Worshipful Grand Master, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught—who I know is more to you than merely the head of another Masonic jurisdiction; I know I am not mistaken when I say that there is no Englishman who is better loved in Canada than is the Duke of Connaught, as your former Governor-General.

He charged us to say this:—

“I ask you to give my fraternal greetings and hearty good wishes to all brethren under my jurisdiction whom you may meet in Canada and Newfoundland; and also to all brethren of the Canadian Grand Lodges who may receive you. I knew many of them when I was in Canada, and I retain a very pleasant memory of their acquaintance. Tell them all that I hope that they are getting on as well as we are in England.”

Then, Most Worshipful Grand Master, I shall be able to tell His Royal Highness that I can assure him from personal observation that you are not only getting along as well as we are in the Old Country but even better; and it will indeed be a pride and pleasure to convey to our Grand Master the message of greeting with which you have charged me.

I have a further duty to discharge, in reading to you, with your permission, the resolution which was passed by the United Grand Lodge of England on the 6th June, shortly before we left England. It was as follows:—

“That the deputation appointed by the Most Worshipful Grand Master to proceed to Canada in July, is hereby charged to convey to the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario, and through that Grand Lodge to all brethren in the Dominion of Canada, the fraternal greetings and hearty good wishes of the United Grand Lodge of England, with the assurance that it is the earnest desire of English Freemasons to co-operate with them in the maintenance of the principles and tenets of the Craft and the furtherance of the true objects of Masonry.”

Worshipful Master, with that our mission is discharged. I shall be able to assure our Grand Master that you are certainly getting on as well and better than we are in the Old Country. It will be my pleasure to assure Grand Lodge that you are as united and as keen as we are ourselves in maintaining and upholding the principles and tenets of the Craft and in furthering the true objects of Masonry. The eloquent and the in-

spiring words which you have used will dwell long in my memory, and when I have had the advantage of seeing them again, and yet again in print, it will be a matter of the greatest satisfaction to me to report them wherever my duties take me as Pro Grand Master in England in order to show that the heart of Freemasonry beats in the same way on the other side of the Atlantic as it does in the little Island to which you have so affectionately and loyally referred. Most Worshipful Grand Master, our feeling in England is simply this: I think I can put it in two sentences; the Craft is a great and growing organization and since the objects of the Craft are the greatest good of our fellow creatures, we ought to make more use of all the potential power which must reside in an organization which is spread all over the globe and is held together by a discipline which does not rest on force or fear, but on unity of thought, and of heart, and we do think that anything which is of a good tendency, which has good objects and which united men in the same high ideals throughout the British Empire must be a force tending to consolidate and to bind closer the ties which unite us in the British Empire.

Most Worshipful Bro. Sir John Gibson I think was rather inclined to reproach us for not having paid you a visit before. The answer, Most Worshipful Grand Master, is that you had not asked us.

The moment you asked us we came, and we came because you asked us, and because when we asked you a few years ago, you came right gladly and willingly and at great personal inconvenience. We still remember with the greatest of pleasure and satisfaction the visit which Most Worshipful Bro. Wardrope paid to us, and the eloquent speeches which he made to us; therefore when you did at last invite us, we said at once, "We must go," and our Grand Master said: "This is an invitation which we must and shall gladly accept;" and that is why we are here.

I might perhaps just add this: your visit to us and our visit to you ought to wipe out a past on which we in England have no reason to pride ourselves. The rulers of the Craft 70 years ago followed the bad example of British Statesmen of former days: they had not the far sight or the imagination or even the knowledge to

understand the mission of the British race, to which under Divine Providence had been given the opportunity of peopling all the most beautiful and magnificent vacant spaces of the earth; and therefore our Grand Lodge treated the lodges under her jurisdiction in Canada with indifference, and even worse, and those lodges were justified in raising the standard of revolt, as free men always are justified in revolt when they are not governed in accordance with justice and right.

Having made that mistake, and you having revolted, we acknowledge your independence, but naturally for a time there could not without hypocrisy be anything like cordial relations. Time however, has healed over all those differences, and I think now, Most Worshipful Master, I am not exaggerating when I say our hearts beat absolutely together and that with you here in Canada we in England look forward to a future in which we shall be able to co-operate more and more in the furtherance of the objects of Freemasonry; that is to say in doing such good to humanity at large as lies within the compass of our own opportunities and within the still wider compass of those opportunities which God has accorded to us as citizens of the British Empire.

The Grand Master: We reciprocate the sentiments of goodwill and acknowledge the royal greetings which you have extended.

Brethren, we are just going to hear one more address now, and then the remainder of the Grand Masters and Grand representatives after lunch.

I will now call upon the Grand Master of Massachusetts to close this morning's proceedings.

M.W. Bro. Ferrel: Most Worshipful Grand Master and my Brethren: Speaking for the representatives of Massachusetts, may I express to you our appreciation of the privilege that we have had of enjoying a remarkable adventure in friendship; for that is the way in which we have learned to measure our association with you during the last two or three days. Your generosity has been boundless; your kindness has been inspiring; and indeed the deeper meaning of friendship that we have learned to plumb has meant much to us, and our opinion of

Canadian Freemasonry has been amply verified. We, the representatives of the jurisdiction of Massachusetts desire to congratulate you in the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario upon your splendid success during the years that are past, and we bring to you our wishes that the years that are to come may add materially to all that you have already done, that your dream of service may all come true.

CALLED OFF

Grand Lodge was called from labor at 1.30 o'clock, p.m.

CALLED ON

Grand Lodge resumed labor at 3.45 o'clock, p.m., the Grand Master on the Throne.

The Grand Master: Brethren, I wish to receive with all honour Right Worshipful Bro. R. H. Spencer, Grand Z of the Grand Chapter of Canada, also Worshipful Bro. Charles H. Collins, Past Sovereign Grand Prior of the Knights Templar; and Most Worshipful Bro. Sir John Gibson, for the second time let us give you the greeting of the head of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite.

Without requiring a response I bid you all three a very hearty welcome as the representatives of the three bodies that you so honourably head.

We are now going to hear the response of Most Worshipful Bro. Abraham Beitler, of Philadelphia, and Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. His home is in the City of Brotherly Love.

M.W. Bro. Beitler: Worshipful Grand Master and members of the Grand Lodge of Canada; Worshipful Grand Masters and Officers of the other Grand Jurisdictions, and my brethren in the Province of Ontario; it seems to me that if I had not been impressed by the gravity of this occasion I should have felt restrained by the presence of the officers of the Grand Lodge of England, because the Grand Lodge I have the honour to represent received its warrant from the Grand Lodge

of England nearly 200 years ago; and along with your Worshipful Grand Master I have the right to speak of the Grand Lodge of England as the Mother Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

I therefore pay my deep respects to the Mother Grand Lodge, represented here today by the Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England and his officers.

Bro. Goodyear—whose excellent words you have heard at the table a little while ago—and I have come here representing the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, to return a visit paid to us by your Worshipful Grand Master. None of you who know him will wonder why Pennsylvania has sent two representatives here when only one representative of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario, visited Philadelphia. We recognized that the two of us are not equal to one Ponton.

If I could have brought more of my Grand Lodge officers, I would have brought them with me simply to show my appreciation of the wit and the worth of your Grand Master.

There is another reason why Pennsylvania should be represented by two Grand Officers, and that is because our membership is about twice your own; so if Col. Ponton represented nearly 100,000 Freemasons, Bro. Goodyear and I represent nearly 200,000.

Brethren I shall go back to Philadelphia the prouder of a past officer's certificate or jewel; I am a Past Grand Master for the first time, and in a very short time Brother Goodyear, who is treading on my heels, will oust me and again I will be a Past Grand Master, but the first honour came from the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario, and I thank you exceedingly for having conferred that honour upon me. I shall go back to my Grand Lodge and say that they have been honoured in the honour conferred upon me; I shall go back and say to them that I have met here, men whom I believe are sturdy, honest, faithful Masons; that in your hands Masonry in the Province of Ontario is safe, and I know that every member of my Grand

Lodge will wish to you in whatever you aspire to do, the fullest measure of success, and if in any way by hint or suggestion we can aid you in solving your problems your Most Worshipful Grand Master has simply to call upon us.

The Grand Master: Most Worshipful Bro. Young, may we have a few words from you? I am sorry the time will not permit of more than a very brief statement.

M.W. Bro. Young: Most Worshipful Sir, I bear to you the greetings of Most Worshipful Bro. George Murray, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, and of R. W. Bro. Taylor, the Grand Secretary, and of the members of the Grand Lodge of Alberta. I also bear the fraternal greetings from the officers and brethren of the Grand Lodge of Alberta to the officers and brethren of the Grand Lodge of Ontario. They desire me to express the hope that this communication will be a most successful one and that the result of your labors here in this session will prove not only pleasing to yourselves but highly beneficial to the Craft at large. I wish to thank you for the very kindly reception which we have received here today, and to assure you that I esteem it a great privilege to be present at this the 68th Annual communication of your Grand Lodge. It is indeed a great privilege to be present at this the 68th Annual Communication of your Grand Lodge. It is indeed a great personal pleasure to me to be able to renew my acquaintance with you, and to have this opportunity of meeting many of the distinguished brethren of this Grand Lodge whom I have heretofore known only by reputation, and to have the privilege of joining with you in doing honour to your distinguished guests both from south of the border line and from the Great Mother Grand Lodge of the world. Let me express again my thanks and my appreciation at being able to be present with you on this occasion.

RECEPTION OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

The Grand Secretary then read the list of Grand representatives, who took their places at the altar.

The Grand Master: Most Worshipful Sirs and Right Worshipful Sirs, will you as Macaulay has it,

"Stand at my right hand and keep the bridge with me," because we want you to bridge the distance between the Grand jurisdiction that you represent and this, the centre of Masonry today; we want you to link them up closely together; we want not 24 hours to elapse before you correspond with the Grand jurisdictions to which you are accredited, and bear them the greetings of the hundred thousand Masons of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and God help the man who would short circuit the electric current that links us all up together in one bond of brotherhood. Brethren, I know what has been taught in the communications of the past; it is to keep the lines of communication open between the representatives of all the jurisdictions. In those other Grand Lodges we were represented, we were present; present by proxy. Oh, brethren, you are more than proxies; you are trustees, and honoured representatives of the Grand Lodges that have given you their credentials and their trust. May I say that there was one brother who did not answer to the call; Most Worshipful Bro. Henry Robertson. You all remember Robertson's Jurisprudence. You all remember the old, old gentleman, lying at the point of death; never probably will he see the anniversary of a Grand Lodge again. If he were able he would have a telegram here as usual. He is not able. Is it your will, brethren? if so, signify in the usual way, that we ask Most Worshipful Bro. White and M. W. Bro. Gibson to send him a greeting during the sitting of this Grand Lodge, a telegraphic greeting? Then Bro. White and Bro. Gibson, we commission you to send that greeting. We will ask Most Worshipful Bro. Malone to respond briefly to this welcome now extended to you by this Grand Lodge.

M.W. Bro. Malone: Most Worshipful Grand Master: On behalf of the representatives of the different Grand Lodges we express our appreciation of the reception given by this Grand Lodge. On behalf of our lodges we wish you all prosperity. At this late hour I think this will be sufficient to say.

The Grand Treasurer, M.W. Bro. E. T. Malone, K.C., and the Grand Secretary, R.W. Bro. W. M. Logan, then presented their annual reports.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, A.F.&A.M., of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

I herewith submit a statement of the receipts and disbursements and investment accounts of the Grand Lodge for the year ended 31st May, 1923.

GENERAL ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS

To balance at credit of the account in the Canadian Bank of Commerce on the 31st day of May, 1922.....	\$ 8,266 78	
Received from Grand Secretary from Lodges.....	122,063 05	
Returned out of Grand Lodge expenses..	4,045 04	
Interest on Investments	15,775 73	
Interest on Bank Deposits.....	656 19	
Debentures Matured:		
Brockville.....	605 51	
Brampton.....	693 25	
Berlin.....	1,345 48	
	<u>2,644 24</u>	
		\$153,451 03

DISBURSEMENTS

General charges.....	\$39,392 40	
Benevolent Orders.....	85,175 00	
Toronto General Trusts Corporation Guaranteed Investment.....	15,000 00	
	<u>\$139,567 40</u>	
Balance on deposit in Canadian Bank of Commerce on May 31st, 1923.....	15,995 30	
Less outstanding Cheques.....	2,111 67	
	<u>13,883 63</u>	
		\$153,451 03

All of which is fraternally submitted,

E. T. MALONE,
Grand Treasurer.

Audited and found correct,

HARRY VIGEON, F. C. A.
Auditor.

Toronto, 26th June, 1923.

DISBURSEMENTS

1922

June	16—	Incidentals.....	\$300 00
		Grand Treasurer's Bookkeeper.....	75 00
		Grand Secretary.....	1,250 00
		Auditor.....	150 00
		Chief Clerk.....	250 00
		Bell Telephone Co.....	6 28
		Rent.....	250 00
		Stenographer.....	125 00
		Clerk.....	100 00
July	8—	Masonic Relief Association.....	554 68
		The Howell Lithographing Co.....	90 18
		W. R. Madill, Expenses Commission.....	5 00
		P. A. Somerville, Expenses Commission.....	5 00
		Robt. Raw & Co.....	41 11
		John Connon Co.....	20 46
		Canadian Passenger Association.....	15 00
		Hamshaw & McLean.....	7 72
		Robt Duncan Co.	7 00
		C. H. Dearden.....	16 88
	31—	Grand Master Allowance.....	750 00
		J. B. Nixon, expense Benevolent Inspection....	300 00
		E. B. Brown, Fraternal Correspondence.....	250 00
		W. J. Drope, Travelling Expenses.....	125 00
		W. J. Drope, postage.....	15 00
		Geo. S. May, postage.....	10 00
		Thos. Rowe, postage.....	20 00
		Wm. N. Ponton Bal. of Expense to May 31, 1922.....	300 00
		Bell Telephone Co.....	6 28
		Chief Clerk.....	250 00
		Stenographer.....	166 66
		Clerk.....	150 00
		News Chronicle, Ft. Arthur.....	39 19
		Daily Times Journal, Ft. William.....	256 02
		Burroughs Adding Machine.....	308 70
		W. J. Fearman.....	21 75
		Robt. Duncan Co.....	8 50
		Robt. Raw Co.....	28 74
		Geo. S. May, expenses Board of Gen. Purp....	10,000 00
Aug.	26—	Incidentals.....	300 00
		Bell Telephone Co.....	6 28
		Chief Clerk.....	250 00
		Stenographer.....	166 66
		Clerk.....	150 00
Sept.	1—	McIntosh Granite Co.....	1,140 00
	9—	Hugh Murray.....	27 53
		E. G. Payne.....	27 53
		R. B. Cheyne.....	27 54
		Robt. Raw & Co.....	21 95
		Office Specialty Co.....	81 80
		Jas. B. Nixon.....	300 00
	26—	Wm. Bruce.....	65 00
		Robt. Raw & Co.....	66 37

		Robt. Duncan Co.....	35 17
		Bell Telephone Co.....	6 28
		Hamilton Masonic Hall Association.....	250 00
		Grand Treasurer's Bookkeeper.....	75 00
		Auditor.....	150 00
		Grand Secretary.....	1,250 00
		Chief Clerk.....	250 00
		Stenographer.....	166 66
		Clerk.....	150 00
Oct.	10—	Northern Relief.....	500 00
		Postage 1922 Proceedings.....	160 00
		Northern Relief.....	500 00
	26—	Jas. B. Nixon.....	300 00
		Incidentals.....	300 00
		Chief Clerk.....	250 00
		Stenographer.....	166 66
		Clerk.....	150 00
		Bell Telephone Co.....	6 28
Nov.	8—	Masonic Home Committee.....	475 00
		Ambrose Kent & Sons.....	109 73
		Howell Lithographing Co.....	449 13
		Robt. Duncan Co.....	57 48
		Hamilton Paper Box Co.....	19 19
		Robt. Raw & Co.....	39 71
		Grand Master, Stenographer.....	300 00
		Bell Telephone Co.....	6 28
		Chief Clerk.....	250 00
		Stenographer.....	166 66
		Clerk.....	150 00
Dec.	30—	Chancy Ashley.....	25 00
		Grand Treasurer's Bookkeeper.....	75 00
		Auditor.....	150 00
		Grand Secretary.....	1,250 00
		Chief Clerk.....	250 00
		Stenographer.....	166 66
		Clerk.....	150 00
		Bell Telephone Co.....	6 28
		Hamilton Masonic Hall Association.....	250 00
1923			
Jan.	16—	Ellis Bros.....	300 00
		J. B. Nixon.....	300 00
		Robt. Duncan Co.....	3,092 85
		R. H. Wright.....	20 00
		Robt. Raw & Co.....	66 88
		Office Specialty Co.....	592 54
		Incidentals.....	300 00
		Bell Telephone Co.....	6 28
		Chief Clerk.....	250 00
		Stenographer.....	166 66
		Clerk.....	150 00
Feb.	23—	Chief Clerk.....	250 00
		Stenographer.....	166 66
		Clerk.....	150 00
		Bell Telephone Co.....	6 28

Mar.	10—	Robt. Raw & Co.....	50 42
		Robt. Duncan Co.....	34 39
		J. B. Nixon.....	273 40
		Chancy Ashley.....	12 50
		Incidentals.....	300 00
	31—	Grand Treasurer's Bookkeeper.....	75 00
		Auditor.....	150 00
		Grand Secretary.....	1,250 00
		Bell Telephone.....	6 28
		Hamilton Masonic Association.....	250 00
		Chief Clerk.....	250 00
		Stenographer.....	166 66
		Clerk.....	150 00
		Grand Master, allowance.....	750 00
		Grand Master, postage.....	75 00
April	25—	W. J. Drope, allowance.....	125 00
		Robt. Duncan Co.....	36 97
		Robt. Raw & Co.....	29 78
		Thos. Lees.....	20 00
		Wm. Bruce.....	5 00
		W. J. Drope.....	10 00
		Chief Clerk.....	250 00
		Stenographer.....	166 66
		Clerk.....	150 00
		Masonic Relief Association.....	306 26
May	4—	Bell Telephone Co.....	6 28
		Toronto General Trust Corpn.....	40 00
		Canadian Red Cross Association.....	150 00
	28—	Chief Clerk.....	250 00
		Stenographer.....	166 67
		Clerk.....	150 00
			\$39,392 40
			Benevolent Orders..... 85,175 00
			Investments..... 15,000 00
			Bal. on Deposit May 31, 1923..... \$15,995 30
			Less Outstanding Cheques..... 2,111 67
			13,883 63
			\$153,451 03

GENERAL ACCOUNT

Statement of Assets at May 31st, 1923.

Securities	Rate of Interest		Cost Value	Face Value
	Bear	Yield		
Dominion of Canada War Loan.....	5½	5½	\$ 50,500 00	\$ 50,500 00
Dominion of Canada War Loan.....	5½	6¼	4,650 00	5,000 00
Toronto General Trusts Corporation.....	5½	5½	26,000 00	26,000 00
Toronto General Trusts Corporation.....	5¾	5¾	10,000 00	10,000 00
Landed Banking & Loan Company.....	6	6	5,000 00	5,000 00
Berlin, Town of.....	5	5	2,896 19	2,896 19
Brandon, City of.....	5	4⅞	2,116 04	2,000 00
Brantford, City of.....	4	3⅞	8,173 60	8,000 00
Brantford, City of.....	4½	6	4,442 00	5,000 00
Brockville, City of.....	4	4½	950 23	1,011 35
Brockville, City of.....	4	4⅜	1,258 07	1,323 73
Hamilton City of.....	5½	6½	5,196 26	5,072 00
Hamilton, City of.....	6	6	2,000 00	2,000 00
Hamilton, City of.....	4	6	4,284 00	5,000 00
Hamilton, City of.....	6	5·80	5,149 30	5,000 00
Kincardine, Town of.....	5	4⅞	509 80	500 00
Manitoba, Province of.....	5½	5·30	7,143 50	7,000 00
New Westminster, City of	5	4·80	5,125 50	5,000 00
New Westminster, City of..	5	4¾	5,280 50	5,000 00
Oxford, County of.....	5	4½	1,613 60	1,509 58
Ontario, Province of.....	6	6·55	3,790 00	4,000 00
Ontario, Province of.....	6	6·30	9,700 00	10,000 00
Ontario, Province of.....	6	6·50	10,463 75	11,000 00
Ontario, Province of.....	6	6·05	4,975 00	5,000 00
Ontario, Province of.....	6	6	10,000 00	10,000 00
Ontario, Province of.....	6	5·40	16,160 50	15,000 00
Peterborough, City of.....	4½	4½	5,121 37	5,121 37
Port Arthur, City of.....	5	4⅞	1,009 31	1,000 00
Strathcona, City of.....	4½	4¾	4,842 00	5,018 28
St. Thomas, City of.....	4	4⅞	12,026 07	12,148 50
Stratford, City of.....	4½	4⅞	980 95	1,000 00
Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry	6½	6½	15,057 18	15,057 18
Toronto, City of.....	3½	4·05	4,484 14	4,866 66
Toronto, City of.....	5½	5·40	8,152 80	8,000 00
Toronto, City of.....	5½	6¼	5,681 40	6,000 00
Toronto, City of.....	6	6¼	11,600 40	12,000 00
Toronto, City of.....	6	6¼	2,901 30	3,000 00
Woodstock, City of.....	5½	6	4,655 80	5,000 00
York, Township of.....	6	6	10,000 00	10,000 00
York, Township of.....	5½	5¾	981 40	1,000 00
York, Township of.....	6	5¾	4,074 00	4,000 00
			\$ 298,945 96	\$ 301,024 84

Balance in Bank of Commerce	
Less outstanding cheques	\$ 13,883 63
	\$314,908 47

The attached statement of assets shows the amount to the Credit of General Fund on the 31st day of May, 1923, and the sums invested, with the rates of interest. All the Debentures are deposited in the vaults of the Toronto General Trusts Corporation, and are under the care of the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary who, in addition to the vault clerk of the Toronto General Trusts Corporation, hold check keys of the rented box where the debentures are deposited.

E. T. MALONE,
Grand Treasurer.

Audited, Certified to as being correct,
HARRY VIGEON, F.C.A.,
Auditor.

THE SEMI-CENTENNIAL FUND

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

I herewith submit a statement of the receipts and expenditures of the Semi-Centennial Fund for the year ended 31st May, 1923.

RECEIPTS

To balance at credit of the account in Canadian		
Bank of Commerce on the 31st May, 1922	\$1,420	71
Outstanding Cheques.....	862	50
		<u>\$ 558 21</u>
Amount received from Grand Secretary during the year		
ended 31st May, 1923, from Lodges.....	45	00
Interest on Investments.....	5,073	53
Interest on Bank Deposits.....	54	20
Benevolent cheques cancelled.....	32	50
Brampton Debenture matured.....	649	93
Berlin Debenture matured.....	83	42
		<u>5,938 58</u>
		<u>\$ 6,496 79</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

Toronto General Trust guaranteed Investment	\$1,000	00
Benevolent Orders.....	5,115	00
		<u>6,115 00</u>
Balance in Bank of Commerce.....	2,916	79
Outstanding cheques.....	2,535	00
		<u>381 79</u>
		<u>\$ 6,496 79</u>

All of which is fraternally submitted.

E. T. MALONE,

Grand Treasurer.

Audited and found correct.

HARRY VIGEON, F.C.A.,

Auditor.

Toronto, June 26th, 1923.

SEMI-CENTENNIAL FUND

Statement of Assets as at May 31st, 1923.

Securities	Rate of Interest		Cost Value	Face Value
	Bear	Yield		
Dominion of Canada, War Loan.....	5½	5½	\$ 5,400 00	\$ 5,400 00
Dominion of Canada, War Loan.....	5	5·30	5,183 00	5,200 00
Dominion of Canada, War Loan.....	5½	6¼	837 00	900 00
Toronto General Trusts Corporation.....	5½	5½	6,000 00	6,000 00
Berlin, Town of.....	5	4½	614 24	595 81
Belleville, City of.....	5¾	6	839 07	820 28
Calgary, City of.....	4½	4½	4,000 00	4,000 00
Durham, Town of.....	5	5½	1,439 71	1,528 43
Etobicoke, Township of....	6½	6½	4,514 90	4,514 90
Galt, Town of.....	4	5	1,695 60	2,000 00
Hamilton, City of.....	6	6	3,000 00	3,000 00
Hamilton, City of.....	5½	5·30	1,023 80	1,000 00
Ingersoll, Town of.....	4	5	891 60	1,000 00
Kincardine, Town of.....	5	4⅞	1,019 60	1,000 00
N. Vancouver, Dist. of....	4½	4¾	2,880 60	3,000 00
Oakville, Town of.....	5	4¾	4,971 42	4,787 92
Oshawa, Town of.....	4½	4½	4,316 40	4,316 40
Owen Sound, Town of.....	4½	5	940 10	1,000 00
Owen Sound, Town of.....	5	4¼	2,200 80	2,000 00
Owen Sound, Town of.....	5	5·20	1,950 60	2,000 00
Ontario, Province of.....	6	5·40	1,606 05	1,500 00
Peterborough, City of.....	3	4	1,693 20	2,000 00
Peterborough, City of.....	4¾	4½	1,905 20	1,850 00
Peterborough, City of.....	4½	4½	3,854 72	3,854 72
St. Catharines, City of....	4	4½	5,141 74	5,319 96
St. Marys, Town of.....	4½	4·80	8,658 63	9,000 00
Saltfleet, Township of.....	5	4¾	4,119 22	4,000 00
Sault Ste. Marie, Town of	5	4¾	1,862 64	1,800 00
Seaforth, Town of.....	5	4¾	4,105 56	4,000 00
Shuniah, Municipality of...	5	4⅞	1,015 90	1,000 00
Strathroy, Town of.....	5	5⅞	1,459 73	1,546 54
Toronto, City of.....	5½	6	943 00	1,000 00
Walkerville, City of.....	4½	5⅞	599 88	639 13
Windsor, City of.....	4	4½	3,867 97	4,083 89
Windsor, City of.....	5	6	2,430 70	2,706 65
Woodstock, City of.....	4½	4·05	4,240 00	4,000 00
York, Township of.....	6	6½	1,382 41	1,440 72
Hamilton Masonic Hall Association.....	6	6	100 00	100 00
Balance in Bank			102,704 99	\$103,905 35 381 79
				\$104,287 14

The attached statement of assets shows the amount to the Credit of Semi-centennial Fund on the 31st day of May, 1923, and the sums invested, with the rates of interest. All the Debentures are deposited in the vaults of the Toronto General Trusts Corporation, and are under the care of the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary who, in addition to the vault clerk of the Toronto General Trusts Corporation, hold check keys of the rented box where the debentures are deposited.

E. T. MALONE,

Grand Treasurer.

Audited, Certified to as being correct,

HARRY VIGEON, F.C.A.

Auditor.

Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada

IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada, in
the Province of Ontario:

M.W. Sir and Brethren:

I beg leave to present my annual report, containing an account of all moneys received by me, and paid to the Grand Treasurer, during the year ending the 31st May, 1923.

The following statements are herewith submitted viz.:

A Summary of receipts from various sources on General Account; Details of Receipts on General Account and Ledger Balances as at the 31st May, 1923; a Summary of Receipts for the year; Details of Payments to the Grand Treasurer; a Summary of Expenditure; Details of the Returns of Lodges as at the 31st May, 1923; a Summary of the Receipts and of Payments to the Grand Treasurer on account of the Semi-Centennial Fund; and a Statement of the Receipts and Disbursements on the Semi-Centennial Fund Revenue Account.

Details of Receipts of Grand Lodge on General Account. and Ledger Balances, Year ending May 31st, 1923.

No.	Name of Lodge.	Location	Amt.	Balance	
				Dr.	Cr.
2	Niagara.....	Niagara.....	192 20		
3	Ancient St. John's.....	Kingston.....	418 00		
5	Sussex.....	Brockville.....	483 90	8 45	
6	Barton.....	Hamilton.....	452 20	6 00	
7	Union.....	Grimsby.....	304 50	2 00	
9	Union.....	Napanee.....	278 50	5 00	
10	Norfolk.....	Simcoe.....	203 70		
11	Mora.....	Belleville.....	528 00	6 00	
14	True Britons.....	Perth.....	187 00		
15	St. George's.....	St. Catharines.....	334 50	4 00	
16	St. Andrew's.....	Toronto.....	727 50	6 00	
17	St. John's.....	Cobourg.....	300 00	50	
18	Prince Edward.....	Picton.....	286 00		
20	St. John's.....	London.....	554 50	14 00	
21a	St. John's.....	Vankleek Hill.....	145 00		
22	King Solomon's.....	Toronto.....	517 00	12 00	
23	Richmond.....	Richmond Hill.....	137 00	1 00	
24	St. Francis.....	Smith's Falls.....	267 10		
25	Ionic.....	Toronto.....	332 00		
26	Ontario.....	Port Hope.....	206 00		
27	Strict Observance.....	Hamilton.....	531 00	7 00	
28	Mount Zion.....	Kemptville.....	133 00	1 80	
29	United.....	Brighton.....	250 00	6 00	
30	Composite.....	Whitby.....	160 00		
31	Jerusalem.....	Bowmanville.....	246 30	6 00	
32	Amity.....	Dunnville.....	245 20	6 00	
33	Maitland.....	Goderich.....	255 00	6 00	
34	Thistle.....	Amherstburg.....	202 50		50
35	St. John's.....	Cayuga.....	128 00		
37	King Hiram.....	Ingersoll.....	235 50		50
38	Trent.....	Trenton.....	355 50		
39	Mount Zion.....	Brooklin.....	111 00		1 00
40	St. John's.....	Hamilton.....	744 50	2 00	
41	St. George's.....	Kingsville.....	252 50		
42	St. George's.....	London.....	544 00	6 00	
43	King Solomon's.....	Woodstock.....	429 50	3 50	
44	St. Thomas.....	St. Thomas.....	582 10		
45	Brant.....	Brantford.....	518 00		
46	Wellington.....	Chatham.....	400 10		
47	Great Western.....	Windsor.....	1,189 70		
48	Madoc.....	Madoc.....	161 00	3 00	
50	Consecon.....	Consecon.....	100 10		
52	Dalhousie.....	Ottawa.....	1,068 00		
54	Vaughan.....	Maple.....	83 00		
55	Merrickville.....	Merrickville.....	155 00		
56	Victoria.....	Sarnia.....	427 00	7 00	
57	Harmony.....	Binbrook.....	184 00	6 00	
58	Doric.....	Ottawa.....	461 10		
61	Acacia.....	Hamilton.....	873 85	2 00	

62	St. Andrew's.....	Caledonia.....	155 00	5 00	
63	St. John's.....	Carleton Place....	238 10		
64	Kilwinning.....	London.....	510 00	1 00	
65	Rehoboam.....	Toronto.....	565 50	6 50	
66	Durham.....	Newcastle.....	82 00	6 00	
68	St. John's.....	Ingersoll.....	224 00		50
69	Stirling.....	Stirling.....	172 75		
72	Alma.....	Galt.....	249 50		50
73	St. James'.....	St. Marys.....	178 50		
74	St. James'.....	South Augusta....	105 50		
75	St. John's.....	Toronto.....	326 50	5 50	
76	Oxford.....	Woodstock.....	345 00		
77	Faithful Brethren.....	Lindsay.....	391 00	6 00	
78	King Hiram.....	Tillsonburg.....	262 50	12 50	
79	Simcoe.....	Bradford.....	138 50	2 00	
81	St. John's.....	Mount Brydges .	155 00	1 00	
82	St. John's.....	Paris.....	185 00		1 00
83	Beaver.....	Strathroy.....	201 50		
84	Clinton.....	Clinton.....	132 50		
85	Rising Sun.....	Athens.....	122 00		
86	Wilson.....	Toronto.....	502 00	3 00	
87	Markham Union.....	Markham.....	98 50	86 50	
88	St. George's.....	Owen Sound.....	287 00		
90	Manito.....	Collingwood.....	272 75	2 00	
91	Colborne.....	Colborne.....	130 00	50	
92	Cataraqui.....	Kingston.....	491 00	6 00	
93	Northern Light.....	Kincardine.....	196 50		
94	St. Mark.....	Port Stanley.....	109 50		
96	Corinthian.....	Barrie.....	324 00		
97	Sharon.....	Queensville.....	122 50		3 00
98	True Blue.....	Bolton.....	88 50		
99	Tuscan.....	Newmarket.....	153 70		
100	Valley.....	Dundas.....	336 00		
101	Corinthian.....	Peterborough.....	265 50	2 00	
103	Maple Leaf.....	St. Catharines....	434 00		
104	St. John's.....	Norwich.....	179 50	1 00	
105	St. Mark's.....	Niagara Falls.....	338 50	13 00	
106	Burford.....	Burford.....	152 50	2 00	
107	St. Paul's.....	Lambeth.....	141 50		
108	Blenheim.....	Princeton.....	111 00		
109	Albion.....	Harrowsmith.....	85 50	68 00	
110	Central.....	Prescott.....	189 00	1 00	
113	Wilson.....	Waterford.....	207 50		
114	Hope.....	Port Hope.....	240 50		
115	Ivy.....	Beamsville.....	234 00		
116	Cassia.....	Thedford.....	99 00	3 00	
118	Union.....	Schomberg.....	69 50		
119	Maple Leaf.....	Bath.....	133 50	2 50	
120	Warren.....	Fingal.....	93 50		
121	Doric.....	Brantford.....	589 00	1 75	
122	Renfrew.....	Renfrew.....	227 00	5 00	
123	Belleville.....	Belleville.....	441 50	6 50	
125	Cornwall.....	Cornwall.....	231 50		
126	Golden Rule.....	Campbellford.....	202 00	6 00	
127	Franck.....	Frankford.....	167 50	5 00	
128	Pembroke.....	Pembroke.....	248 50	3 00	

129	Rising Sun.....	Aurora.....	173	50	
131	St. Lawrence.....	Southampton.....	132	00	
133	Lebanon Forest.....	Exeter.....	143	00	
135	St. Clair.....	Milton.....	146	50	6 00
136	Richardson.....	Stouffville.....	77	50	4 00
137	Pythagoras.....	Meaford.....	164	50	7 50
139	Lebanon.....	Oshawa.....	337	00	4 00
140	Malahide.....	Aylmer.....	230	00	
141	Tudor.....	Mitchell.....	144	00	2 50
142	Excelsior.....	Morrisburg.....	101	00	1 25
143	Friendly Brothers.....	Iroquois.....	123	00	2 50
144	Tecumseh.....	Stratford.....	415	20	7 00
145	J. B. Hall.....	Millbrook.....	115	50	
146	Prince of Wales.....	Newburgh.....	79	00	3 00
147	Mississippi.....	Almonte.....	177	00	6 00
148	Civil Service.....	Ottawa.....	399	50	1 00
149	Erie.....	Port Dover.....	134	50	2 00
151	Grand River.....	Kitchener.....	398	50	
153	Burns.....	Wyoming.....	145	50	11 50
154	Irving.....	Lucan.....	119	00	6 00
155	Peterborough.....	Peterborough.....	337	00	
156	York.....	Toronto.....	491	00	6 00
157	Simpson.....	Newboro.....	93	50	
158	Alexandra.....	Oil Springs.....	120	50	
159	Goodwood.....	Richmond.....	93	00	
161	Percy.....	Warkworth.....	95	50	3 00
162	Forest.....	Wroxeter.....	82	50	
164	Star in the East.....	Wellington.....	191	50	
165	Burlington.....	Burlington.....	242	70	80
166	Wentworth.....	Stoney Creek.....	274	00	6 25
168	Merritt.....	Welland.....	347	00	5 00
169	Macnab.....	Port Colborne.....	201	10	2 00
170	Britannia.....	Seaforth.....	188	50	17 00
171	Prince of Wales.....	Lawrence St'n....	66	10	
172	Ayr.....	Ayr.....	50	00	38 00
174	Walsingham.....	Port Rowan.....	140	00	
177	The Builders.....	Ottawa.....	482	00	
178	Plattsville.....	Plattsville.....	68	00	
180	Speed.....	Guelph.....	359	50	12 00
181	Oriental.....	Port Burwell.....	82	00	50
184	Old Light.....	Lucknow.....	185	00	
185	Enniskillen.....	York.....	92	00	
186	Plantagenet.....	Riceville.....	62	00	
190	Belmont.....	Belmont.....	100	50	1 00
192	Orillia.....	Orillia.....	449	00	9 00
193	Scotland.....	Scotland.....	136	00	
194	Petrolia.....	Petrolia.....	215	00	7 20
195	Tuscan.....	London.....	356	50	
196	Madawaska.....	Arnprior.....	193	50	1 00
197	Saugeen.....	Walkerton.....	156	00	1 00
200	St. Alban's.....	Mount Forest.....	112	00	
201	Leeds.....	Gananoque.....	294	00	1 00
203	Irvine.....	Elora.....	165	00	
205	New Dominion.....	New Hamburg....	91	00	
207	Lancaster.....	Lancaster.....	149	50	8 00
209a	St. John's.....	London.....	583	00	

209	Evergreen.....	Lanark.....	107 50	7 60	
215	Lake.....	Ameliasburg.....	110 50		
216	Harris.....	Orangeville.....	355 60		
217	Frederick.....	Delhi.....	89 00		
218	Stevenson.....	Toronto.....	398 50	2 00	
219	Credit.....	Georgetown.....	185 00	5 00	
220	Zeredatha.....	Uxbridge.....	274 00	6 00	
221	Mountain.....	Thorold.....	284 00		
222	Marmora.....	Marmora.....	131 25		
223	Norwood.....	Norwood.....	128 50	6 00	
224	Zurich.....	Hensall.....	101 50		
225	Bernard.....	Listowel.....	282 50		
228	Prince Arthur.....	Odessa.....	129 00	12 50	
229	Ionic.....	Brampton.....	295 50	5 50	
230	Kerr.....	Barrie.....	356 10	4 00	
231	Fidelity.....	Ottawa.....	487 00	8 00	
232	Cameron.....	Dutton.....	125 00	7 00	
233	Doric.....	Parkhill.....	177 00	2 20	
234	Beaver.....	Clarksburg.....	98 50	70	
235	Aldworth.....	Paisley.....	154 00	3 00	
236	Manitoba.....	Cookstown.....	145 10	6 50	
237	Vienna.....	Vienna.....	128 50		
238	Havelock.....	Watford.....	119 00	1 25	
239	Tweed.....	Tweed.....	170 50		
242	Macoy.....	Mallorytown.....	133 50		
243	St. George.....	St. George.....	122 00		
245	Tecumseh.....	Thamesville.....	125 50		
247	Ashlar.....	Toronto.....	696 00	2 00	
249	Caledonian.....	Midland.....	345 50		3 50
250	Thistle.....	Embro.....	118 50	3 00	
253	Minden.....	Kingston.....	341 00		
254	Clifton.....	Niagara Falls.....	560 50	14 60	
255	Sydenham.....	Dresden.....	178 00	6 00	
256	Farran's Point.....	Aultsville.....	103 50		
257	Galt.....	Galt.....	351 00		
258	Guelph.....	Guelph.....	332 50	1 00	
259	Springfield.....	Springfield.....	184 00		
260	Washington.....	Petrolia.....	252 40	1 00	
261	Oak Branch.....	Innerkip.....	67 50		
262	Harriston.....	Harriston.....	139 00		
263	Forest.....	Forest.....	175 00	2 00	
264	Chaudiere.....	Ottawa.....	511 10	3 00	
265	Patterson.....	Thornhill.....	131 50		
266	Northern Light.....	Stayner.....	102 50		
267	Parthenon.....	Chatham.....	560 50		
268	Verulam.....	Bobcaygeon.....	109 60	1 50	
269	Brougham Union.....	Claremont.....	141 50		10 50
270	Cedar.....	Oshawa.....	277 00		
271	Wellington.....	Erin.....	142 50	5 00	
272	Seymour.....	Ancaster.....	214 75		
274	Kent.....	Blenheim.....	194 50	6 10	
276	Teeswater.....	Teeswater.....	92 50		
277	Seymour.....	Port Dalhousie.....	107 50	1 00	
279	New Hope.....	Hespeler.....	126 50	1 50	
282	Lorne.....	Glencoe.....	139 50	2 40	
283	Eureka.....	Belleville.....	338 50	6 00	

284	St. John's.....	Brussels.....	151	00		
285	Seven Star.....	Alliston.....	191	00		
286	Wingham.....	Wingham.....	167	00	3	30
287	Shuniah.....	Port Arthur.....	516	20	15	50
289	Doric.....	Lobo.....	124	50		
290	Leamington.....	Leamington.....	306	00	1	00
291	Dufferin.....	West Flamboro..	151	50		
292	Robertson.....	King.....	85	25	3	00
294	Moore.....	Courtright.....	101	00	1	00
295	Conestogo.....	Drayton.....	146	50		
296	Temple.....	St. Catharines....	389	70	7	20
297	Preston.....	Preston.....	178	50	6	00
299	Victoria.....	Centreville.....	75	00		
300	Mount Olivet.....	Thorndale.....	135	50		
302	St. David.....	St. Thomas.....	518	50	6	00
303	Blyth.....	Blyth.....	132	50		4 00
304	Minerva.....	Stroud.....	164	00	1	00
305	Humber.....	Weston.....	237	50	7	00
306	Durham.....	Durham.....	142	50	6	00
307	Arkona.....	Arkona.....	87	00		
309	Morning Star.....	Carlow.....	107	00		
311	Blackwood.....	Woodbridge.....	135	00		4 50
312	Pnyx.....	Wallaceburg.....	213	50		
313	Clementi.....	Lakefield.....	152	50		
314	Blair.....	Palmerston.....	173	75		
315	Clifford.....	Clifford.....	108	50		
316	Doric.....	Toronto.....	521	50	1	00
318	Wilmot.....	Baden.....	37	50		
319	Hiram.....	Hagersville.....	185	00	1	00
320	Chester ville.....	Chester ville.....	153	50		
321	Walker.....	Acton.....	141	50	6	00
322	North Star.....	Owen Sound.....	301	70	6	00
323	Alvinston.....	Alvinston.....	101	00		
324	Temple.....	Hamilton.....	616	00	13	00
325	Orono.....	Orono.....	129	50		
326	Zetland.....	Toronto.....	585	00	7	00
327	Hammond.....	Wardsville.....	91	00		
328	Ionic.....	Napier.....	87	00		1 50
329	King Solomon.....	Jarvis.....	80	00	6	00
330	Corinthian.....	London.....	327	70	13	00
331	Fordwich.....	Fordwich.....	106	30	1	50
332	Stratford.....	Stratford.....	406	50	6	00
333	Prince Arthur.....	Flesherton.....	138	00		
334	Prince Arthur.....	Arthur.....	73	00	1	60
336	Highgate.....	Highgate.....	113	50		
337	Myrtle.....	Port Robinson.....	94	00	1	00
338	Dufferin.....	Wellandport.....	73	50	52	00
339	Orient.....	Toronto.....	504	50	1	00
341	Bruce.....	Tiverton.....			90	00
343	Georgina.....	Toronto.....	519	00	9	00
344	Merrill.....	Dorchester St'n.	77	50		
345	Nilestown.....	Nilestown.....	116	00		
346	Occident.....	Toronto.....	571	50	2	00
347	Mercer.....	Fergus.....	145	60		
348	Georgian.....	Penetanguishene	151	50		50
352	Granite.....	Parry Sound.....	392	00	8	00

354	Brock.....	Cannington.....	130	25	
356	River Park.....	Streetsville.....	146	00	
357	Waterdown.....	Millgrove.....	201	50	
358	Delaware Valley.....	Delaware.....	98	00	
359	Vittoria.....	Vittoria.....	98	00	
360	Muskoka.....	Bracebridge.....	159	00	3 00
361	Waverly.....	Guelph.....	446	75	9 00
362	Maple Leaf.....	Tara.....	106	00	1 00
364	Dufferin.....	Melbourne.....	85	50	
367	St. George.....	Toronto.....	511	10	12 00
368	Salem.....	Brockville.....	324	50	1 00
369	Mimico.....	Lambton Mills....	291	50	
370	Harmony.....	Delta.....	92	00	
371	Prince of Wales.....	Ottawa.....	451	50	
372	Palmer.....	Bridgeburg.....	261	50	50
373	Copestone.....	Welland.....	237	50	
374	Keene.....	Keene.....	31	00	
375	Lorne.....	Omeme.....	128	00	
376	Unity.....	Huntsville.....	187	00	
377	Lorne.....	Shelburne.....	168	00	1 20
378	King Solomon's.....	London.....	478	00	
379	Middlesex.....	Bryanston.....	64	00	
380	Union.....	London.....	400	90	60
382	Doric.....	Hamilton.....	549	00	6 00
383	Henderson.....	Winchester.....	119	50	
384	Alpha.....	Toronto.....	648	50	
385	Spry.....	Beeton.....	112	50	
386	McColl.....	West Lorne.....	183	00	
387	Lansdowne.....	Lansdowne.....	113	00	
388	Henderson.....	Ilderton.....	118	10	
389	Crystal Fountain.....	North Augusta....	111	00	
390	Florence.....	Florence.....	77	00	
391	Howard.....	Ridgetown.....	203	50	
392	Huron.....	Camachie.....	123	50	
393	Forest.....	Chesley.....	118	60	10 25
394	King Solomon.....	Thamesford.....	133	00	3 00
395	Parvaim.....	Comber.....	70	50	
396	Cedar.....	Warton.....	153	50	
397	Leopold.....	Brigden.....	163	25	
398	Victoria.....	Kirkfield.....	98	00	3 00
399	Moffatt.....	Harrietsville.....	72	50	
400	Oakville.....	Oakville.....	263	50	
401	Craig.....	Deseronto.....	143	50	1 50
402	Central.....	Essex.....	208	00	
403	Windsor.....	Windsor.....	715	50	7 50
404	Lorne.....	Tamworth.....	77	00	
405	Mattawa.....	Mattawa.....	101	00	
406	Spry.....	Fenelon Falls.....	114	60	50
408	Murray.....	Beaverton.....	129	00	
409	Golden Rule.....	Gravenhurst.....	149	00	
410	Zeta.....	Toronto.....	468	00	11 50
411	Rodney.....	Rodney.....	118	50	
412	Keystone.....	Sault Ste.Marie	544	70	26 00
413	Naphtali.....	Tilbury.....	138	50	1 20
414	Pequonga.....	Kenora.....	329	70	
415	Fort William.....	Fort William.....	418	50	1 00

416	Lyn.....	Lyn.....	83 00	1 20	
417	Keewatin.....	Keewatin.....	122 00		
418	Maxville.....	Maxville.....	128 00		
419	Liberty.....	Sarnia.....	178 00		
420	Nipissing.....	North Bay.....	343 80	1 00	
421	Scott.....	Grand Valley.....	110 00		
422	Star of the East.....	Bothwell.....	144 10	1 00	
423	Strong.....	Sundridge.....	123 35	1 00	
424	Doric.....	Pickering.....	40 50	29 50	
425	St. Clair.....	Sombra.....	123 00		
426	Stanley.....	Toronto.....	554 50	1 00	
427	Nickel.....	Sudbury.....	369 10		
428	Fidelity.....	Port Perry.....	185 00	3 00	
429	Port Elgin.....	Port Elgin.....	91 00		
430	Acacia.....	Toronto.....	450 00	12 50	
431	Moravian.....	Cargill.....	73 20		
432	Hanover.....	Hanover.....	128 00	3 00	
433	Bonnechere.....	Eganville.....	125 00	50	
434	Algonquin.....	Emsdale.....	140 00		2 00
435	Havelock.....	Havelock.....	249 00	1 50	
436	Burns.....	Hepworth.....	89 50	1 20	
437	Tuscan.....	Sarnia.....	535 00		
438	Harmony.....	Toronto.....	530 00	28 00	
439	Alexandria.....	Alexandria.....	106 70		
440	Arcadia.....	Minden.....	82 00		
441	Westport.....	Westport.....	97 00	13 00	
442	Dymont.....	Thessalon.....	164 00		
443	Powassan.....	Powassan.....	123 00		
444	Nitetis.....	Creemore.....	108 50	60	
445	Lake of the Woods.....	Kenora.....	115 00	1 00	
446	Granite.....	Fort Francis.....	184 40	1 00	
447	Sturgeon Falls.....	Sturgeon Falls.....	168 80		
448	Xenophon.....	Wheatley.....	83 50	10	
449	Dundalk.....	Dundalk.....	91 50		
450	Hawkesbury.....	Hawkesbury.....	174 00	1 00	
451	Somerville.....	Kinmount.....	79 00		
452	Avonmore.....	Avonmore.....	99 50	60	
453	Royal.....	Fort William.....	276 50	1 00	
454	Corona.....	Burk's Falls.....	155 60		
455	Doric.....	Little Current.....	104 50		
456	Elma.....	Monkton.....	90 60		
457	Century.....	Merlin.....	127 50	12 00	
458	Wales.....	Wales.....	128 00		
459	Cobden.....	Cobden.....	153 00	3 50	
460	Rideau.....	Seeley's Bay.....	77 50		
461	Ionic.....	Rainy River.....	134 00		
462	Temiskaming.....	New Liskeard.....	212 50		50
463	North Entrance.....	Haliburton.....	91 25		
464	King Edward.....	Sunderland.....	139 50		
465	Carleton.....	Carp.....	75 50	3 50	
466	Coronation.....	Elmvale.....	143 50		
467	Tottenham.....	Tottenham.....	74 00		
468	Peel.....	Caledon East.....	116 50		
469	Algoma.....	Sault Ste. Marie.....	318 00		
470	Victoria.....	Victoria Harbour.....	165 10		1 00
471	King Edward VII.....	Chippawa.....	126 00	2 00	

472	Gore Bay.....	Gore Bay.....	110 00	1 00	
473	The Beaches.....	Toronto.....	375 75		11 00
474	Victoria.....	Toronto.....	486 60	12 00	
475	Dundurn.....	Hamilton.....	682 10	10 00	
476	Corinthian.....	North Gower.....	101 00	1 00	
477	Harding.....	Woodville.....	96 50	50	
478	Milverton.....	Milverton.....	114 50		
479	Russell.....	Russell.....	156 00		
480	Williamsburg.....	Williamsburg.....	68 00		
481	Corinthian.....	Toronto.....	360 50	1 00	
482	Bancroft.....	Bancroft.....	193 50		
483	Granton.....	Granton.....	88 50		
484	Golden Star.....	Dryden.....	140 50		
485	Haileybury.....	Haileybury.....	235 00	5 50	
486	Silver.....	Cobalt.....	300 50	7 50	
487	Penewobikong.....	Blind River.....	87 50		
488	King Edward.....	Harrow.....	131 00		
489	Osiris.....	Smith's Falls.....	158 00	6 00	
490	Hiram.....	Markdale.....	82 50	1 20	
491	Cardinal.....	Cardinal.....	105 00		
492	Karnak.....	Coldwater.....	108 00		
493	St. Marys.....	St. Marys.....	196 50	1 00	
494	Riverdale.....	Toronto.....	489 50	2 00	
495	Electric.....	Hamilton.....	675 00	20 00	
496	University.....	Toronto.....	510 00		
497	St. Andrew's.....	Arden.....	108 50	2 50	
498	King George V.....	Coboconk.....	119 00		50
499	Port Arthur.....	Port Arthur.....	333 50	6 00	
500	Rose.....	Windsor.....	203 25	50	
501	Connaught.....	Mimico.....	268 00	6 00	
502	Coronation.....	Smithville.....	135 00	2 00	
503	Inwood.....	Inwood.....	99 50		
504	Otter.....	Lombardy.....	56 60	3 00	
505	Lynden.....	Lynden.....	113 50		
506	Porcupine.....	Porcupine.....	168 00	5 00	
507	Elk Lake.....	Elk Lake.....	115 50	6 00	
508	Ozias.....	Brantford.....	216 00		
509	Twin City.....	Kitchener.....	214 10		
510	Parkdale.....	Toronto.....	365 70	12 50	
511	Connaught.....	W. Fort William..	158 00		
512	Malone.....	Sutton.....	128 00	4 80	
513	Corinthian.....	Hamilton.....	644 50	14 60	
514	St. Alban's.....	Toronto.....	706 00	1 00	
515	Reba.....	Brantford.....	251 10		
516	Enterprise.....	Beachburg.....	100 50		
517	Hazeldean.....	Hazeldean.....	78 50		
518	Sioux Lookout.....	Sioux Lookout...	194 50	2 50	
519	Onondaga.....	Onondaga.....	117 30		
520	Coronati.....	Toronto.....	515 00		
521	Ontario.....	Windsor.....	501 00	2 00	
522	Mount Sinai.....	Toronto.....	487 40	4 00	
523	Royal Arthur.....	Peterborough.....	136 50	7 00	
524	Mississauga.....	Port Credit.....	146 50	5 50	
525	Temple.....	Toronto.....	401 50	15 00	
526	Ionic.....	Westboro.....	250 00		
527	Espanola.....	Espanola.....	102 00		12 00

528	Golden Beaver.....	Timmins.....	161	50	5	00
529	Myra.....	Komoka.....	82	50		
530	Cochrane.....	Cochrane.....	138	00	25	00
531	High Park.....	Toronto.....	706	50	1	00
532	Canada.....	Toronto.....	407	00	6	00
533	Shamrock.....	Toronto.....	438	00	1	00
534	Englehart.....	Englehart.....	154	75		
535	Phoenix.....	Fonthill.....	92	50		
536	Algonquin.....	Copper Cliff.....	94	50	4	00
537	Ulster.....	Toronto.....	668	00	27	00
538	Earl Kitchener.....	Port McNicoll.....	77	50	6	60
539	Waterloo.....	Waterloo.....	122	10		
540	Abitibi.....	Iroquois Falls.....	146	50	4	70
541	Tuscan.....	Toronto.....	519	50	1	00
542	Metropolitan.....	Toronto.....	208	00		
543	Imperial.....	Toronto.....	282	50	14	50
544	Lincoln.....	Abingdon.....	95	50		
545	John Ross R't'son.....	Toronto.....	461	50	26	00
546	Talbot.....	St. Thomas.....	303	10	17	20
547	Victory.....	Toronto.....	78	00		
548	General Mercer.....	Toronto.....	332	50	2	50
549	Ionic.....	Hamilton.....	321	50	13	00
550	Buchanan.....	Hamilton.....	265	50	9	00
551	Tuscan.....	Hamilton.....	410	50	13	50
552	Queen City.....	Toronto.....	392	00	16	50
553	Oakwood.....	Toronto.....	325	00	1	00
554	Border Cities.....	Windsor.....	194	60	1	00
555	Wardrobe.....	Hamilton.....	464	00	12	00
556	Nation.....	Spencerville.....	64	50		
557	Finch.....	Finch.....	85	00	3	00
558	Sidney Albert Luke.....	Ottawa.....	146	00	6	00
559	Palestine.....	Toronto.....	310	00	3	30
560	St. Andrew's.....	Ottawa.....	254	50	6	25
561	Acacia.....	Westboro.....	114	00	6	00
562	Hamilton.....	Hamilton.....	439	50	12	50
563	Victory.....	Chatham.....	251	00	1	00
564	Ashlar.....	Ottawa.....	176	00		
565	Kilwinning.....	Toronto.....	473	00	31	00
566	King Hiram.....	Toronto.....	238	80	12	50
567	St. Aidan's.....	Toronto.....	94	50		
568	Hullett.....	Londesboro.....	45	00	6	00
569	Doric.....	Lakeside.....	79	50		
570	Dufferin.....	Toronto.....	251	00	30	00
571	Antiquity.....	Toronto.....	184	00	2	00
572	Mizpah.....	Toronto.....	430	50	14	50
573	Adoniram.....	Niagara Falls.....	220	10		
574	Craig.....	Ailsa Craig.....	87	00		
575	Fidelity.....	Toronto.....	128	50	7	00
576	Mimosa.....	Toronto.....	235	50		
577	St. Clair.....	Toronto.....	337	00	5	00
578	Queen's.....	Kingston.....	181	50	16	00
579	Harmony.....	Windsor.....	205	50	17	50
580	Acacia.....	London.....	239	00	10	00
581	Harcourt.....	Toronto.....	44	00		
582	Sunnyside.....	Toronto.....	318	50	12	50
583	Transportation.....	Toronto.....	217	40	12	00

584	Kaministiquia.....	Fort William.....	98	55		
585	Royal Edward.....	Kingston.....	89	40		
586	War Veterans.....	Toronto.....	337	30	12	50
587	Patricia.....	Toronto.....	430	00	2	00
588	National.....	Capreol.....	156	70	6	00
589	Grey.....	Toronto.....	230	10	2	00
590	Defenders.....	Ottawa.....	166	70		
591	North Gate.....	Toronto.....	373	00	2	00
592	Fairbank.....	Toronto.....	232	25		
593	St. Andrews.....	Hamilton.....	461	50	14	00
594	Hillcrest.....	Hamilton.....	236	90	6	00
595	Rideau.....	Ottawa.....	272	75	7	00
596	Martintown.....	Martintown.....	80	30		
597	Temple.....	London.....	130	20	6	00
598	Dominion.....	Windsor.....	174	45	19	50
599	Mount Dennis.....	Toronto.....	223	00		
600	Maple Leaf.....	Toronto.....	179	00	13	00
601	St. Paul.....	Sarnia.....	230	00		
602	Hugh Murray.....	Hamilton.....	138	00	90	00
603	Campbell.....	Campbellville....	112	70	6	00
604	Palace.....	Windsor.....	100	30	3	00
605	Melita.....	Toronto.....	429	60	12	50
606	Unity.....	Toronto.....	209	50	13	45
607	Golden Fleece.....	Toronto.....	107	50	3	00
608	Gothic.....	Lindsay.....	154	00		
	U. D. Tavistock.....	Tavistock.....	41	50	9	00
	U. D. Frontenac.....	Sharbot Lake....	30	00		
	U.D. Ashlar.....	Byron.....	221	00	6	00
	U.D. Huron-Bruce	Toronto.....	118	00	6	00
	U.D. Birch Cliffe.....	Birch Cliffe.....	166	50		
	U.D. Fort Erie.....	Fort Erie.....			37	50
	U.D. Adanac.....	Merritton	83	60		
	U.D. Dominion.....	Ridgeway.....	82	00		
	U.D. Perfection.....	St. Catharines..	45	00	12	00
	U.D. North Bay.....	North Bay.....	73	00	6	00
	U.D. Thunder Bay.....	Port Arthur.....	50	00	3	50
	U.D. Runnymede.....	Toronto.....			32	50
	U.D. Bay of Quinte.....	Toronto.....			29	00
	U.D. Lorne.....	Chapleau.....			20	00

\$120,925 55

Sundries	1,137	50
Interest.....	16,431	92
Debentures matured.....	2,644	24
Refund Grand Lodge meeting last year.....	4,045	04

\$145,184 25

GENERAL ACCOUNT

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS

YEAR ENDED MAY 31ST., 1923

Fees, Registration of initiations.....	\$ 18753 00
Fees, Registration of affiliations.....	1177 50
Dues.....	90343 00
Certificates.....	97 00
Constitutions.....	3364 00
Ceremonies.....	260 05
Dispensations.....	1100 00
Commutations of Dues.....	5531 00
Warrants.....	235 00
Musical Rituals.....	173 00
Miscellaneous.....	1029 50
Refund Grand Lodge meeting Port Arthur and Fort William.....	4045 04
	<u>\$126108 09</u>

Interest on Debentures and Bank Account:

Dominion of Canada War Loans.....	\$3052 50
Landed Banking and Loan Co.,.....	300 00
Toronto General Trusts Corporation.....	1180 00
Town of Berlin.....	212 08
Town of Brampton.....	41 60
City of Brandon.....	100 00
City of Brantford.....	545 00
City of Brockville.....	130 31
City of Hamilton.....	899 00
Town of Kincardine.....	25 00
Province of Manitoba.....	385 00
City of New Westminster.....	500 00
County of Oxford.....	75 48
Province of Ontario.....	3300 00
City of Peterborough.....	230 46
City of Port Arthur.....	50 00
City of Strathcona.....	225 82
City of St. Thomas.....	485 85
City of Stratford.....	45 00
Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry.....	978 72
City of Toronto.....	1840 32
City of Woodstock.....	275 00
Township of York.....	895 00
U.S. Exchange on Bonds	3 49
Bank Interest.....	658 19
	<u>16431 92</u>

Total Revenue General Account:

\$142540 01

Debentures matured and paid—

City of Brockville.....	605 51
Town of Brampton.....	693 25
Town of Berlin.....	1345 48
	<u>2644 24</u>
	<u>\$145184 25</u>

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURE

GENERAL ACCOUNT

YEAR ENDED MAY 31st., 1923

E. T. Malone, Grand Treasurer, salary to 31st March, 1923.....	300 00	
W. M. Logan, Grand Secretary, salary to 31st March, 1923	5000 00	
H. Vigeon, Auditor, salary to 31st, March 1923..	600 00	
W. J. Attig, Chief Clerk, salary to 31st May, 1923.....	3000 00	
J. Place, Stenographer, salary to 31st. May, 1923.....	1958 27	
F. J. Brown, Clerk, salary to 31st May, 1923.....	1750 00	
Incidental Expenses, Grand Secretary's office....	1500 00	
Printing and Stationery.....	4493 75	
Certificates and Warrants.....	70 00	
Telephone Service.....	69 08	
Insurance on furniture, books, regalia and premium on bonds of Grand Secretary and Chief Clerk.....	141 85	
Safety Deposit Box rental, Toronto General Trusts Corporation.....	40 00	
Office Rent, Hamilton Masonic Hall Assoc.....	1000 00	
Postage on Proceedings.....	160 00	
Cheque Grand Lodge Expenses, Fort William (Cheque \$4045.04 returned).....	10000 00	
Postage for G. M. and Committees.....	120 00	
Inspector of Benevolence, salary.....	1200 00	
Inspector of Benevolence, Travelling Expenses	273 40	
E. B. Brown, Chairman of Committee on Fraternal Correspondence.....	250 00	
Allowance to M. W. Bro. W. N. Ponton, Grand Master 1920-1922.....	300 00	
Allowance to Grand Master, 1922-1923..	1500 00	
Stenographer for Grand Master	300 00	
Allowance for the Deputy Grand Master	250 00	
Filing Cabinets, Cards, etc.....	81 80	
Book Cases, John Ross Robertson library.....	592 54	
D. G. M. Expenses arranging Grand Lodge Meeting Toronto	10 00	
Special Commissions.....	26 88	
Memorial Tributes	40 46	
Masonic Relief Association (3 years).....	860 94	
Wilson Memorial.....	1140 00	
Northern Ontario Relief.....	1000 00	
Red Cross Association (Cochrane).....	150 00	
Testimonial Grand Secretary.....	300 00	
Committee on Masonic Homes, etc.....	475 00	
Adding Machine	308 70	
Regalia and Paraphernalia.....	129 73	
		39392 40
Benevolent Grants.....		85175 00
Debentures purchased.....		15000 00

139567 40

SEMI-CENTENNIAL FUND

Summary of Receipts for the year ending May 31st., 1923.

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

Additional contributions from Lodges:

Faithful Brethren, No. 77, Lindsay.....	\$ 27 00	
North Entrance No. 463, Haliburton.....	18 00	
		\$ 45 00

Debentures matured:

Town of Berlin.....	\$ 83 42	
Town of Brampton.....	649 93	
		733 35

REVENUE ACCOUNT

Interest on Investment and bank account as per detailed statement.....	5,127 73	
		\$5,906 08

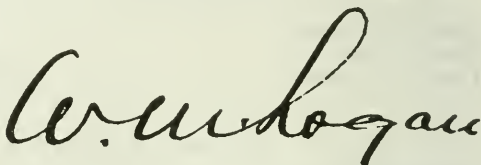
SEMI-CENTENNIAL FUND

Revenue Account year ended May 31st, 1923.

RECEIPTS

Balance at Credit May 31st, 1922.....	\$ 721 82	
Interest on Investment:		
Dominion of Canada, War Loans.....	\$ 606 50	
Toronto General Trusts Corporation.....	275 00	
Town of Berlin.....	33 96	
Town of Brampton.....	39 00	
City of Belleville.....	49 22	
City of Calgary.....	180 00	
Town of Durham.....	76 42	
Township of Etobicoke.....	293 47	
Town of Galt.....	80 00	
City of Hamilton.....	235 00	
Town of Ingersoll.....	40 00	
Town of Kincardine.....	50 00	
Dist. of North Vancouver.....	135 00	
Town of Oakville.....	239 37	
Town of Oshawa.....	194 24	
Town of Owen Sound.....	245 00	
Province of Ontario.....	90 00	
City of Peterborough.....	321 34	
City of St. Catharines.....	212 80	
Town of St. Marys.....	405 00	
Township of Saltfleet.....	200 00	
Town of Sault Ste. Marie.....	90 00	
Town of Seaforth.....	200 00	
Municipality of Shuniah.....	50 00	
Town of Strathroy.....	77 32	
City of Toronto.....	55 00	

Town of Walkerville.....	28 76	
City of Windsor.....	98 69	
City of Woodstock.....	180 00	
Township of York.....	86 44	
Hamilton Masonic Hall Association.....	6 00	
Bank Interest.....	54 20	
		\$5,127 73
		\$5,849 55



Grand Secretary

Hamilton, June 26th, 1923

I certify that the foregoing is a correct abstract from the books of the Grand Secretary of the Receipts and Expenditure of the Grand Lodge, for the year ending May 31st, 1923.

HARRY VIGEON, F.C.A.
Auditor

It was moved by the Deputy Grand Master, seconded by M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone and Resolved: That the Reports of the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary be received and referred to the Board of General Purposes.

The Grand Secretary presented the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters, which follow herewith. It was moved by the Deputy Grand Master, seconded by the Grand Secretary and Resolved: That the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters be received and referred to the board of General Purposes.

Reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters

ERIE DISTRICT No. 1

To the Most Worshipful The Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

I have the honour to submit my report on the condition of Masonry in Erie District No. 1.

I wish to express my sincere thanks to the brethren for the honour they conferred upon me in electing me as D. D. G. M. of Erie District No. 1, and particularly to the Past Masters and brethren who accompanied and so ably assisted me on my official visits, making my tenure of office a very pleasant one, and also my gratitude for the kind hospitality and courtesy shown me throughout the District.

My first official act was to appoint Wor. Bro. J. A. Wickens, District Secretary, and Rev. Bro. W. L. Newton, District Chaplain.

One of the most pleasing events of my office, was the reception that was given to me by Ontario Lodge, No. 521, of which I am a Past Master, Monday evening September 2, 1923. It was an honour that I did not expect and therefore the more gratifying. A very pleasant evening was spent at the banquet table, where a number of Past Masters and brethren of the various lodges throughout the district were present. Songs and speeches were the principal events of the evening, and were thoroughly enjoyed by all.

A memorable event in Masonic History in Windsor took place on October 3rd and 4th, 1922 when the Most Wor. The Grand Master, W. N. Ponton, assisted by D. G. M., W. J. Drope, and R. W. Bro. W. M. Logan, Grand Secretary, and a large number of P. D. D. G. Ms. and Past Masters, dedicated the new Masonic Temple at Windsor, and constituted and consecrated and installed

the officers of Palace Lodge No. 604, and Dominion Lodge No. 598. Palace Lodge was constituted at 4 o'clock, October 3rd, and at 8 p.m. the Masonic Temple was dedicated in a very impressive manner. A large number were present, which taxed the capacity of our large Lodge room, and the ceremony was thoroughly enjoyed.

On Wednesday afternoon, October 4th, Dominion Lodge No. 598 was constituted and consecrated. The address given by the M. W. the G. M., W. N. Ponton, was one long to be remembered and was thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated by the brethren present. Other speeches followed by the D. G. M., W. J. Drope, and R. W. Bro. W. M. Logan, which were also enjoyed, as evidenced by the applause which greeted them. The Officers of Dominion Lodge No. 598, and Palace Lodge, No. 604, were jointly installed by the M.W. the G.M. W. M. Ponton, assisted by D. G. M., W. J. Drope, R. W. Bro. W. M. Logan, D. D. G. M., W. T. Turner, P. D. D. G. M., W. J. Douglas, Very Wor. Bro. D. A. Chater, Wor. Bro. G. H. Arnott and Wor. Bro. E. T. Howe.

The meeting closed with an address by the W. M. the Grand Master, and was one of the largest events in our Masonic History in Windsor.

A District Lodge of Instruction was held in Windsor, on Monday, March 26th, 1923, which was largely attended by the brethren of the District, who were greatly interested in the efficient manner in which the work was exemplified by the various lodges who participated in the work.

The First Degree was exemplified by Ontario Lodge No. 521 at 2 p.m.

The Second Degree was exemplified by Thistle Lodge No. 34 at 4 p.m.

Banquet 6.30 p.m.

The Third Degree was exemplified by Border Cities Lodge No. 554 at 8 p.m.

The work performed was done in a very creditable manner by all three Lodges, and the brethren expressed

themselves as having been benefited by the holding of this Lodge of Instruction. I strongly advise that a Lodge of this kind be held once a year, as the Lodges by close contact one with the other, will become more proficient and better acquainted with the work, and uniformity will be the result.

Another very pleasing event was my official visit to Chatham, where the Masters of the three Lodges arranged to hold their meeting the same day. I was received by Wellington Lodge No. 46 at 2 p.m. and the First Degree was conferred. Parthenon Lodge No. 267 received me at four p.m. and the second Degree was conferred. At 6.30 p.m. a banquet was served, which was largely attended by the members throughout the District. R. W. Bro. W. T. Jeffs, D. D. G. M. of Erie District No. 1A, was present and gave a very interesting address, which was greatly appreciated by the brethren. After various other speeches we adjourned to the Lodge room, where I was received by Victory Lodge No. 563, about 8.15 p.m. and the third degree was conferred. The work put on in each case was of a high order and above criticism of any kind, and the lodges are to be congratulated on the success of their meeting.

Having been instructed by the M. W. the Grand Master, on Thursday, May 31st, 1923, I dedicated the New Masonic Temple of Kent Lodge No. 274, Blenheim, assisted by Wor. Bros. A. Dalziel, J. A. Wickens, E. T. Howe, G. H. Arnott, N. Irvine of Windsor, and a large number of Past Masters throughout the District. There were members from nearly every lodge in the District, who filled the lodge room. Kent Lodge is to be congratulated on the very fine lodge room they now occupy.

Owing to conflicting dates, R. W. Bro. W. J. Douglas, very kindly acted for me in officially visiting Rose Lodge No. 500, for which I sincerely thank him.

On my visits throughout the District I found the books of the Secretaries and Treasurers, kept in a very excellent condition, showing that the Lodges have made no mistake in selecting the officers. However, I found one Lodge had no Registration Book, the Secretary stating that when he assumed office none was given him; this he promised to have rectified.

I found several Lodges using but one Ballot Box, and after pointing out this error, they all have secured the proper boxes. I also found one Lodge with the lights placed in the wrong position, and this matter was promised to be remedied. The Masters occupied the chairs in all my visits, and showed themselves conversant with the duties, and conferring of the Degrees were of an excellent nature. While there was some room for criticism, a good deal of the errors were due to nervousness and not from lack of knowledge. My remarks throughout were mainly directed to fraternal visits and a greater exchange of social intercourse, whereby we would get better acquainted, and by having visiting Lodges exemplify degrees would become more uniform in our work. The warm welcome and generous hospitality given me by the Lodges throughout the District proves their devotion and high regard to the M. W. the Grand Master, who has won a place in the hearts of all Masons, that will last for all time, and again I wish to thank them for all their kindness during my term of office.

Fraternally Submitted,

WM. T. TURNER, D.D.G.M.

Erie District No. 1.

ERIE DISTRICT No. 1A.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:—

I have the honour to submit my report upon the condition of Masonry in Erie District No. 1A. for the year ending June 24th, 1923.

Allow me first to express my deep appreciation and sincere thanks for the honour conferred upon me by the brethren of the District in electing me to the important office as District Deputy Grand Master, and to the officers and members of the various Lodges for their many kindnesses and courtesies extended to me when visiting their respective Lodges

My first official act was to appoint Wor. Bro. M. S. Blackburn of Sydenham Lodge No. 255, my District Secretary, who accompanied me on many of my official visits and whose assistance was of great value throughout the year.

Throughout the District I found the condition of Masonry most excellent. The true spirit of brotherhood which prevails in every Lodge and conspicuous absence of any influence which would affect the good will of the fraternity is very commendable.

I sought to make my visits helpful to the brethren as well as myself. Ambitious for a high and uniform standard of efficiency in the work I did not withhold any criticisms which I believe tended toward the object I had in view. These criticisms were always received in the spirit they were given, showing a desire on the part of the officers to do their work uniformly and efficiently.

At our District Meeting, held during the Grand Lodge session at Fort William, July 1922, the matter of holding a Lodge of Instruction was left to the newly elected District Deputy. Not wishing to decide it myself, I brought the matter before each Lodge in the District to be discussed and voted upon; the result being not in favor of holding a Lodge of Instruction this year.

Official Visits

On October 30th, I made my first official visit to Tecumseh Lodge No. 245, Thamesville, Ontario. Wor. Bro. Atkinson conferred the Fellowcraft Degree in a very efficient manner and the floor work of the Senior Deacon, Bro. McMillan, is particularly worthy of mention. This Lodge is in a very prosperous condition; the books being well taken care of by their able secretary, Wor. Bro. Graham.

Rt. Wor. Bro. J. J. Vincent, P. D. D. G. M. of Star of the East Lodge, Bothwell, was present, as was also a number of visiting brethren of the surrounding Lodges, who did ample justice at a splendid lunch which was served at the close of the Lodge. Many splendid addresses were given.

McColl Lodge No. 386, West Lorne, Ontario, was officially visited October 31st, 1922. There was no work for the evening, but Wor. Bro. A. J. McMurchy, opened and closed the lodge in the three degrees in a satisfactory manner, showing that he was well skilled in his work. Notwithstanding the absence of degree work a most profitable evening was spent in the explanation of certain parts of the ritual; the brethren feeling free to ask questions. The Secretary is performing his duties in a capable manner, allowing very few outstanding dues.

On November 1st, 1922, I paid my official visit to Rodney Lodge No. 411, Rodney, Ontario. The Master Wor. Bro. Brown, and his officers conferred two third degrees. The ballot was passed for seven candidates, showing the lodge to be in a thriving condition. A lack of knowledge of the Book of Constitution was very noticeable during the work of the evening and I would strongly urge the officers to spend much time in grasping this valuable information. Bro. Arch. McLeod, the Secretary, is getting his books in good shape, a marked improvement over last year's report. A Bowlers' Benefit Concert marred the attendance of the Rodney members and had it not been for the visitors from Highgate, West Lorne, Wardsville and Dresden the attendance would have been very small.

Paid my official visit to Lorne Lodge No. 282, Glencoe, Ontario, November 2nd, 1922. The second

degree was conferred by Wor. Bro. Gough and his officers in perfect manner. The Secretary's records are also perfectly kept, with no outstanding dues. Notwithstanding a very wet night the attendance was large.

On November 3rd, 1922, I paid my official visit to Prince of Wales Lodge No. 171, Lawrence Station, Ontario. The officers conferred the first degree in a very satisfactory manner. Although this is the smallest lodge in the district, the enthusiasm, the work and average attendance equals that of any of the larger lodges in the district, while the dues are all paid up and books kept in splendid condition.

Highgate Lodge No. 336, Highgate, Ontario, was officially visited on November 10th, 1922. The officers of Highgate Lodge kindly called an emergency meeting to enable me to carry out my schedule of visits. The first degree was conferred in a faultless manner by every officer. The dues are nearly all paid up and without a doubt this is one of the most thriving lodges in the district. Many visiting brethren were present from Thamesville, Ridgetown, Rodney and Dresden, a most enjoyable evening being spent.

St. Marks Lodge, No. 94, Port Stanley, Ontario, I had the pleasure of visiting this lodge November 14th, 1922 and was received by a large turnout of the members although it was a very stormy night. The officers conferred the second degree in a most satisfactory manner. The Secretary, Wor. Bro. Fraser, keeps his books in an excellent condition. Rt. Wor. Bro. Fred. Judd, P. D. D. G. M., of St. Thomas, was present and gave a most interesting address, which was very much enjoyed by all.

Howard Lodge No. 391, Ridgetown, Ontario. I was greeted on November 20th, 1922, when I officially visited this lodge by a large turnout of brethren and visitors from surrounding lodges. Wor. Bro. Neil McKay and officers conferred the third degree in an errorless manner. This lodge is doing good work; is in a very prosperous condition, every officer and member doing his part with that end in view, while the books are well taken care of by their able secretary, Wor. Bro. Dr. T. A. Routledge.

Dufferin Lodge No. 364, Melbourne, Ontario, officially visited November 29th, 1922. The officers conferred the first degree in a satisfactory manner. The attendance was small owing to a heavy snow-storm the day before. The dues are well paid up and the lodge books are well kept by Wor. Bro. J. J. Stevenson.

Florence Lodge No. 390, Florence Ontario,, was officially visited December 1st, 1922. This meeting was the annual election of officers and I was very much interested in the manner in which this order of business was carried out. The officers elected are well qualified to carry the responsibilities of the lodge for the ensuing year. There was no degree work for the night. Wor. Bro. Sarney opened and closed the lodge in the three degrees. The dues are well paid up and the books are kept in good condition by the secretary, Bro. James Beattie. Many visiting brethren were present from the surrounding lodges and a very interesting address was given by Rt. Wor. Bro. Dr. Kelly, P. D. D. G. M. and by several other visiting brethren. I also had the privilege on May 27th, 1923, of joining with the members of Florence Lodge and a number of visitors in attending divine service at which Wor. Bro. Streeter gave a very impressive sermon.

Cameron Lodge No. 322, Dutton, Ontario, was officially visited December 4th, 1922. The first degree was conferred by the Worshipful Master and his officers in a very capable manner. The Junior Warden's lecture was a new innovation to me, the candidate being conducted over the floor of the lodge room by the Junior Warden. This may be impressive to the candidate and I did not rule that it must not be carried out, but I firmly believe that since the beauties of Masonry lie in its antiquity and its simplicity we should strictly adhere to the ancient usages and established customs of the order. The books are well kept and the lodge generally is in a very prosperous condition. After labor we attended a most sumptuous banquet in the Queen's Hotel, where very fine speeches were given, one to the Toast to the Grand Lodge by Rt. Wor. Bro. Roberts of Dutton, P. D. D. G. M. Wor. Bro. Galbraith of Prince of Wales Lodge, Lawrence Station, responded to the

Toast of the visitors in a very capable manner. A very profitable and enjoyable evening was spent.

St. Thomas Lodge Old 44, St. Thomas, Ontario, I officially visited December 7th, 1922. Was introduced to the officers and members of this lodge by Rt. Wor. Bros. J. A. Ryckman, I. P. D. D. G. M. and Geo. Hill, P. D. D. G. M. of Erie No. 1A., who accorded me a most hearty reception. This meeting was the annual election of officers and I observed with a great deal of interest the capable manner in which this order of business was carried out. In fact the method of conducting the routine of business is particularly worthy of special mention. Rt. Wor. Bro. Fred. Judd, the capable secretary, gives his work a great deal of attention, which manifests itself throughout every department of the lodge.

Wor. Bro. J. M. Sinclair and officers conferred the second degree in a faultless manner. Fraternally and financially this lodge is enjoying great prosperity.

St. David's Lodge No. 302, St. Thomas, Ontario. My official visit to this lodge was made April 19th, 1923. The officers conferred the first degree in a most satisfactory manner. The secretary's books are nicely kept and the dues are well collected. I would like also to comment upon the manner in which the routine work of business is conducted in this lodge. I congratulate the lodge on their splendid installation of their lesser lights, but was very sorry to find them wrongly situated.

Warren Lodge No. 120, Fingal, Ontario. Officially visited this lodge April 24th, 1923. The Worshipful Master and officers conferred the second degree in a very gratifying manner. The lodge books are well kept and the condition of Masonry very healthy and prosperous.

Star of the East Lodge No. 422, Bothwell, Ontario. Paid my official visit to this lodge April 25th, 1923, and was given a most hearty welcome by Wor. Bro. Annett and members of the lodge. The third degree was conferred almost word perfect and in a very impressive manner. This certainly is worthy of special mention, as one of the best lodges in Erie District No. 1A. The

books and business of the lodge are well looked after by their most efficient secretary, Rt. Wor. Bro. Vincent.

Hammond Lodge No. 327, Wardsville, Ontario, was officially visited April 30th, 1923. The officers conferred the second degree very well. Owing to the extended illness of the secretary, Bro. McIntyre, the books are not in as good shape as they might otherwise have been. A little dissension on the part of some of the members wishing to move the lodge to Newbury has perhaps checked the progress of Masonry in Hammond Lodge. I endeavoured to point out the futility of any action of this kind and trust that in future the brethren shall settle contentedly and unite in making this one of the best lodges in the district.

Talbot Lodge No. 546, St. Thomas, Ontario, was officially visited May 11th, 1923. This being my last official visit in the city of St. Thomas the officers and brethren made it an event of fitting distinction and I shall always cherish the memory of this visit.

First I wish to thank the officers for calling an emergency meeting to assist me in carrying out my plans. Wor. Bro. W. H. Corrie and officers assisted by his talented choir worked the first degree in a manner that could not be excelled. Wor. Bro. Corrie was at his best and I feel sure that the candidate, Bro. J. H. Gould, will ever remember the occasion of his being received into Masonry. This is the baby lodge of the district, but is growing very rapidly under the direction of its capable and energetic staff of officers.

Malahide Lodge No. 140, Aylmer, Ontario. I officially visited this lodge May 30th, 1923. There was no work for the evening. Two Master Masons were examined in the work of that degree and found well skilled. I congratulated this lodge for making this compulsory before giving the apron. The lodge room is the most luxuriously furnished in the district. Another distinction worthy of mention is that two members were present being Masons over fifty years and one nearly fifty years. The work of opening and closing the lodge was well done by the officers and the lodge books are nicely kept by the secretary, but there is a large amount of outstanding dues which should be collected.

Sydenham Lodge No. 255, Dresden, Ontario, officially visited June 8th, 1923. It was a special delight to me to have the privilege of paying an official visit to my Mother Lodge, where for many years I have mingled with the brethren and shared with them the responsibilities of the work. The regular officers opened and closed the lodge in the three degrees. Past Masters of Sydenham Lodge conferred the third degree, all the work being done in a most satisfactory manner. The attendance was very large showing the interest of the membership of Sydenham Lodge. A special feature of the evening was the presentation of a purse of gold to Wor. Bro. John French, the secretary, who is celebrating his fiftieth anniversary as a member of Sydenham Lodge.

Many visiting brethren were present from Florence, Thamesville, Bothwell, Brigden, Wallaceburg and St. Thomas, all proclaiming it an event long to be remembered.

On Sunday, June 24th, I attended divine service with the brethren.

A very eloquent and impressive Masonic sermon was preached by Bro. Davidson

I extend my sincere thanks to the many brethren of Sydenham Lodge, who accompanied me on all my visits, thereby adding so much pleasure to the same.

The year has been one of progress, one of harmony and also one of profit, I trust, and perhaps in this last respect, to none more than myself, as I came to more fully appreciate the truly Masonic spirit alive in this district.

In conclusion let me bespeak for my successor in office the same co-operation and support given to me

Fraternally submitted,

WALTER I. JEFFS, D.D.G.M.

Erie District No. 1A.

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT No. 2

Watford, Ont., June 26, 1923.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, officers and members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario.—

I have the honour to submit the following report on the condition of Masonry for the Masonic year ending June 24th, 1923 in St. Clair District No. 2, and in doing so I beg to express my appreciation to the brethren of the District for the trust they reposed in me when they elected me as D. D. G. M. of this large and important district.

I have visited every lodge but one in the district and have noted with extreme pleasure the progress that Masonry is making in this section.

Everywhere I have visited I have been received royally, and shown the utmost courtesy, and the task which at the outset seemed as though it would be a burden, has been a pleasure that I cannot find words to convey.

I have endeavoured to perform each duty assigned to me in as able a manner as I possibly could and lost no opportunity that was available in holding the high ideals of Masonry before the brethren of the district. My criticism has been light 'as the work throughout the district is quite uniform.

Wor. Bro. Jacklin, whom I appointed as Dist. Secretary has given me his loyal support, although moving to his new home in Windsor early in the year. Rt. Wor. Bro. D. W. Collins, Dist. Chaplain has performed his duties in a capable manner.

My first official act of consequence was the Constituting and Consecrating of St. Paul's Lodge No. 601, Sarnia, and installing their officers on October 7th, 1922, ably assisted by many of the P. D. D. G. Ms. of the District and a goodly number of other Wor. Brethren also Rt. Wor. Bro. Noble and Boss of London District No. 3. Very Wor. Bro. Vance, of Inwood Lodge No. 503 acted as Grand Director of Ceremonies in his usual efficient manner. Following the ceremony the brethren

partook of a hearty dinner provided by the committee of the new Lodge, after which the installation of officers took place at 8.00 p.m.

St. Paul's Lodge has a bright future, being officered by a good set of officers, Rt. Wor. Bro. Paul as Wor. Master. I look for good work from this baby lodge.

October 3rd, I made my official visit to my home lodge, Havelock No. 238, Watford, where a large number of members and visitors had assembled for the occasion. The work in the second degree was exemplified in a very creditable manner by Wor. Bro. Hood and his officers. Wor. Bro. Hood by the way is the youngest W. M. in St. Clair Dist. The books of the Secretary are in good shape and everything is going along smoothly.

October 20th was a red letter day in Masonry, it being the Annual Lodge of Instruction and my official visit to Petrolia Lodge No. 194, under whose auspices it was conducted. The weather was ideal and the roads good and many were there from great distances. In fact every lodge in the district was represented as well as many lodges from outside the District, about 500 being present at the evening session.

At 2 p.m. the first degree was exemplified by Wor. Bro. Collins and officers of Petrolia Lodge No. 194 in a manner that left little room for criticism. After many questions from the brethren and a general discussion, the officers of Alvinston Lodge No. 323 opened the lodge in the second degree and exemplified that degree in an almost faultless manner. Wor. Bro. Bourne has an exceptionally good set of officers and their work was very favourably commented on.

At 8 p.m. Rt. W. Bro. Paul, and officers of St. Paul's Lodge, Sarnia, opened the lodge in the third degree and exemplified that degree in a creditable manner. Many questions were asked in this degree after which Grand Chaplain Rev. E. Shepherd addressed the gathering; other short addresses brought the meeting to a close. It being the general opinion that an annual lodge of instruction is the best meeting of the year.

On October 26, I visited Arkona Lodge No. 307, accompanied by several brethren from Havelock. The

second degree was exemplified by Wor. Bro. Dowding and officers in a creditable manner. Arkona Lodge now own their quarters and are very comfortable indeed. The young officers are full of pep for which I cannot attribute any other reason than that they receive an inspiration from Rt. Wor. Bro. Thomas, who although well advanced in years is a very live figure in Arkona lodge.

October 30th, I had the pleasure of visiting Inwood Lodge No. 503 the home of my immediate predecessor in office, Rt. Wor. Bro. Dawson, who now holds the office of secretary of that lodge, and whose books are a model. Wor. Master Johnson and officers conferred the second degree in a very capable manner. The lodge seems to be in a very flourishing condition, having a good attendance and young and old take a great interest in the work as evidenced by the discussion which followed my few remarks on the work.

November 1, I visited Alvinston Lodge No. 323 accompanied by a good turnout from my home lodge. The Alvinston brethren have a neat well-kept lodge room and their enthusiasm shows that Masonry is at high water mark. The third degree was conferred by Wor. Bro. Bourne in an almost faultless manner, the floor work being exceptionally well done.

November 3rd, I had the pleasure of meeting the brethren of Ionic Lodge No. 328. This is a purely country lodge officered almost entirely by farmers. Although a little late in starting the evening was one of a great deal of enjoyment as the brethren of Ionic seem to have the art of entertaining down to a science. The work of the second degree was well rendered by Wor. Bro. Beer and officers it being the first attempt on a second degree for the W. M. The secretary's books are not as complete as they should be but as this is his first year no doubt he will soon be equal to the best. I have since been informed that he has gotten a new outfit. I also drew the attention of keeping the Tyler's register in ink instead of pencil as some lodges are doing.

On November 8th, I visited Forest Lodge No. 263. This was the first bad night of the season and I was faltering whether I would drive across in the storm or

stay at home but when I arrived in Forest and noticed the lodge room packed, I must confess I was delighted. This was my first opportunity of seeing the first degree conferred on any of my visits and although the degree was exceptionally well conferred the one thing that I admired was the giving the Bible to the candidate after he had been obligated thereon, which I highly recommend. The secretary's books are well kept and everything is apparently running smoothly.

The absence of R. Wor. Bro. D. D. Brodie, P.D.D.G.M. was lamented by all present, he having died a few days before my visit to that lodge. Rt. Wor. Bro. Brodie was a man of exemplary character, a good mixer, and his genial good fellowship will long be missed in Forest Lodge.

On December 6th, I had the extreme pleasure of visiting Washington Lodge No. 260, Petrolia, where I received a hearty welcome from the large number of brethren present. The second degree was conferred in a very impressive manner, the candidate being exceptionally well skilled.

Wor. Bro. Sherrin and officers appear to have the work well in hand and the lodge seems to be in a real prosperous condition.

February 1st, I visited Burns Lodge No. 153, Wyoming. The work of the first degree was conferred by the Wor. Master in the presence of a large turnout of members and visitors. Burns lodge is in a flourishing condition both as to candidates and finances. Some of their bylaws are quite conflicting with the constitution and they are now revising and having new ones printed.

February 6th, I had the pleasure of visiting Victoria Lodge No. 56; this is the oldest lodge in the district and is officered by Wor. Bro. Cares and his staff who conferred the first degree in an almost faultless manner. Sarnia Masons have comfortable quarters, owning their own building which looks at the present rate of Masonic activity as though they would soon need still larger rooms. After the conferring of the degrees Rt. Wor. Bro. Collins, Dist. Chaplain, addressed the brethren on Mason-

ry which was much appreciated by those present. The lodge as a whole are upholding the good traditions of the name they bear.

February 16th, I was at Beaver Lodge the home of Past Grand Registrar Richardson. Although it was a bitterly cold night the lodge was filled to capacity. The second degree was conferred on two candidates by Wor. Bro. Latimer in a manner that left little room for criticism. The secretary's books are well kept and the lodge as a whole has the co-operation of a long list of Past Masters. After lunch several addresses were given, among them that of Past Grand Master Young of Alberta and the Past Grand Chaplain of Quebec.

On the 21st of February I visited Tuscan Lodge No. 437, Sarnia, where the lodge was taxed to its capacity. This is the largest lodge in the district and its officers and members are full of enthusiasm. The lodge was beautifully decorated with flowers for the occasion.

Wor. Bro. Gammon conferred the first degree in an almost faultless manner. I might here mention that Tuscan Lodge are in the habit of using the preambulating system of giving the lecture in the South, which may have features that you might admire; however I pointed out that it was not in accordance with Grand Lodge usage.

On Feb. 28, I should have visited Leopold Lodge No. 397, Brigden, but I was just recovering from a heavy cold and I was fortunate in securing Rt. Wor. Bro. Winn, P.D.D.G.M., of Alvinston to go in my stead. In his report to me he had the time of his life at Brigden and reports the work well in hand by the officers. I might here add that Leopold lodge has the best form of notice of meeting which I receive. I trust sometime in the near future I will have an opportunity of visiting Leopold lodge. I wish to here thank Rt. Wor. Bro. Winn for his services on this occasion.

Mar. 1 was my visit to Moore lodge, No. 294, Court-right where I was met by the Secretary. The Court-right Brethren are a genial lot of boys and they made my visit there one of great pleasure. The work as a whole was well done. The work of the Junior Deacon deserves

special mention. The books of the lodge are well kept. The Brethren are looking forward to their 50th anniversary this summer.

Mar. 12, I visited Liberty lodge No. 419, where my reception was just as enthusiastic as that tendered me by Tuscan and Victoria.

The work of the first degree was conferred in a very efficient manner by Wor. Bro. McElvia, which left little room for suggestions. The Secretary's books are in good form as is also the Tylers' register. The lodge is in a flourishing condition.

Mar. 26 I was in Wallaceburg where I was greeted by a large attendance. The degree work was well performed each officer doing his part in a very commendable manner. The Secretary's books are in good shape. The lodge as a whole is in good condition. Rt. Wor. Bro. Jeffs, D.D.G.M., Erie, No. 1a, was present accompanied by several from his home town, Dresden.

Mar. 27, I again visited St. Clair lodge, No. 425, Sombra, the other occasion being last fall when they held the ceremony of burning the mortgage of their building, which they built some twenty years ago.

Wor. Bro. Stokes and his officers conferred the third degree in a quite efficient manner. This is the second term for the W.M. as he filled that position some 20 years ago. The books of the Secretary are in good shape.

April will long be remembered by the brethren of Watford, (my home town) and the district surrounding, it being the occasion of a reception tendered Most Wor. Bro. W. N. Ponton. A short reception was held in the lodge room at 7.00 p.m. where the Grand Master spoke on the duties of Masons. After which the brethren joined their ladies and partook of a banquet held in the Armouries. The Grand Master was the speaker of the evening and the 350 present will not soon forget the suggestions offered in the scholarly address of the Grand Master.

April 4th I visited Huron Lodge, Camlachie, No. 392. Owing to the condition of the roads the attendance was not large. The work in the second degree was performed by the Wor. Master in an almost faultless

manner, as were the duties of the other officers. The Secretary who is their oldest member is quite at home in his position having filled that post for many years.

May 1, I visited St. Johns Lodge, No. 81, Mt. Brydges, where there was a large gathering present, including many from Strathroy, Komoka and London lodges. The work of the second degree was conferred in a very efficient manner by Wor. Bro. Green and his officers. Abundance of enthusiasm prevails in St. Johns lodge as is evidenced by their regular and prompt attendance.

May 3rd I visited Alexandra Lodge, No. 158, accompanied by several brethren from Petrolia. The officers did their work in a very creditable manner. Judging from the calibre of the young officers they will have good material from which to elect their masters for some time to come.

The members of Alexandra are not as punctual in starting their meetings as they might be, although I understand that many of the officers are farmers and I quite realize how hard it is for them to get from their work at this season of the year. Rt. Wor. Bro. Parks is still quite a regular attendant and presided over the toast list which was taken part in by many present.

May 12 I visited St. Pauls Lodge, No. 601, Sarnia. This was my fourth visit to Sarnia Masons and my reception was no less marked than the other lodges of that city. Wor. Bro. Elliott conferred the third degree in a very capable manner ably assisted by his staff of officers.

St. Pauls Lodge is the baby lodge of the District but its progress has been wonderful. The books of the Secretary are well kept. A pleasing part of their proceedings on that evening was the presentation of the volume of the Sacred Law by Most Wor. Bro. Anderson, of Port Huron, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Michigan who is now an honorary member of St. Pauls. Silver Square and Compasses were also presented by the Senior Warden Bro. W. J. Constable.

Monday evening May 28, I visited Cassia Lodge, No. 115, Thedford, accompanied by many from other lodges. Wor. Bro. Rev. McInnis conferred the second degree in a very creditable manner assisted by his able staff.

Cassia lodge is in a flourishing condition as is evidenced by the very large attendance at their meetings. The Secretary who is just starting on the work is keeping his books in a good manner that is a credit to the lodge and himself. Several short addresses were given at the conclusion of the work among them being from Bro. Rev. Pike, a Past Master of a lodge in South America whose remarks were well received. This was my last visit in the District and I wish here to thank the brethren for the many kindnesses shown me during my year of office.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

R. WILLIAMSON, D.D.G.M.,

St. Clair, No. 2.

LONDON DISTRICT NO. 3.

To the Most Worshipful The Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:—

I have the honour of presenting to you herewith my report on the condition of Free Masonry for the past year in London District No. 3.

I desire first of all to thank the Masons of London District No. 3 for electing me to the high office of D.D. G.M. I trust I have been worthy of the honour conferred on me, and I wish to assure the brethren that the performance of my official duties has been of great pleasure to me.

I might say that I was pleased to find conditions, with one exception, to be in excellent order, and also that all official visits proved to be most enjoyable to all, we being entertained in a right royal manner, with good speaking and fine music, the lodges showing particular talent in the latter, thus adding considerably to the high standard of lodge entertainment and work. I again wish to assure the brethren of this district that I shall always bear in mind the kind and courteous manner in which I was received, and for their support, especially from the immediate Past District Deputy, Right Worshipful Bro. Wm. Moore, also from Right Worshipful Brother L. A. Boss, Right Worshipful Bro. Neil McGill, Right Worshipful Bro. E. T. Essery, Right Worshipful Bro. Dr. C. H. Zeigler, Right Worshipful Bro. A. Ferguson and others.

Let me also call attention to the vital importance of the lodges of this district having careful and painstaking secretaries. Invariably, where one finds a competent secretary, one also finds a lodge conducted in a business-like way. I am not mentioning this by way of criticism, as the lodges of this district, without exception, are fortunate in having capable men to fill this office.

On Feb. 15th, 1923, the reception to the Grand Master was held and it was an evening of enjoyment long

to be remembered by the brethren of the various lodges. At the installation of Temple Lodge we had in mind the treat which was in store for us. I doubt if ever a more congenial and respected personage ever before adorned this office. When I say he is loved by the brethren of this district I say it with all sincerity. May he live long to be of service to our Masonic order. We were also honoured by the presence of Rt. Wor. Bro. A. J. Young of North Bay, who delivered a very stirring appeal to the brethren.

On Dec. 27th, 1922, a joint installation of the city lodges was held at the Masonic Temple. The installation ceremony was conducted by Wor. Bro. N. P. Walsh and officers in a most creditable manner. The brethren then adjourned to the banqueting hall and after a bounteous repast, Rt. Wor. Bro. J. A. Rowland gave a most enjoyable and instructive address, which was heartily appreciated by the brethren.

The year, however, has not been without its touch of sorrow. Again we are called to mourn the loss of one of the most respected Masons of our district. I refer to the late Rt. Wor. Bro. T. G. Davis. He will long have a place in the memories of all those with whom he was associated.

My first act was to appoint a district secretary and I was indeed fortunate in having Wor. Bro. A. C. Nobbs accept this office. He has proven himself to be courteous and painstaking in discharging his duties.

My official visits were as follows:—

On Oct. 5th, I paid an official visit to St. George's Lodge No. 42. Wor. Bro. Charles Linnell and officers conferred the first degree in an excellent manner. The books were found to be well kept.

On Oct. 11th the consecration of Temple Lodge was held, at which I was present. The Most Worshipful, The Grand Master W. N. Ponton, K.C. adorned the East and took charge of the ceremony. This day may well be looked upon as a red-letter day for Masonry in this district.

I paid my visit to King Solomon Lodge, No. 378, on Oct. 12th. Wor. Bro. W. R. Kennedy and officers

conferred the first degree in a very satisfactory manner. Music proved an exceedingly pleasant feature of the evening. On the whole the general conditions of the lodge were deemed satisfactory.

On Nov. 1st I visited Middlesex Lodge No. 379. Wor. Bro. William McCullough of Branston opened and closed the lodge in the three degrees in a very creditable manner. The books were found to be in good order.

I visited Merrill Lodge No. 344 Dorchester on Nov. 2nd. Joseph Calvert conferred the first degree in a very satisfactory manner and everything was found in good order. The work was well done and carried on in an efficient manner.

On Nov. 3rd, I officially visited Belmont Lodge No. 190. Wor. Bro. John Dawes and officers exemplified the first degree in an excellent manner. The books as well as all other conditions pertaining to the lodge were found good.

I visited Corinthian Lodge No. 300 on Nov. 7th. Wor. Bro. Jas. Mills and his officers conferred the first degree in a very orderly manner. It is a pleasure for me to report this lodge in fine order.

On Nov. 24th I visited Temple Lodge No. 597. Wor. Bro. A. M. Trick and his officers conferred the first degree in a creditable and orderly manner. I found this lodge in a flourishing condition.

I visited St. Paul's Lodge No. 107 on Nov. 29th. Wor. Bro. A. Moody and officers conferred the first degree in a distinctly well-ordered manner. I was pleased to note that everything in connection with this Lodge reflected great credit upon its members and officers.

On Jan. 30th I paid an official visit to Nilestown Lodge No. 345. The first degree was conferred by Wor. Bro. Robt. Carswell and officers in a creditable manner. Special notice was taken of the ten immediate Past Masters being present in the East. Books were found in well-kept order.

I visited St. John's Lodge No. 209A. on March 2nd. Wor. Bro. H. McNab and officers conferred the second degree in a most impressive manner. I take pleasure in reporting this lodge to be in a flourishing condition, the business of the lodge being looked after in an excellent manner.

On Feb. 10th I visited Acacia Lodge No. 580. Wor. Bro. J. H. C. Woodward and officers exemplified the first degree in a splendid manner. On examination the books and all conditions relating to the lodge were in good order.

I visited St. John's Lodge No. 20 on Feb. 13th. Wor. Bro. R. W. Johnston and officers conferred the first degree in an excellent manner. The books were found to be in good order.

On Feb. the 25th I visited Ashlar Lodge, U.D. Wor. Bro. J. W. Merriam, P.M., conferred the third degree in excellent manner. I found this lodge in a flourishing condition, having furnished their lodge with suitable furniture and able to show finances in good condition.

I visited Union Lodge No. 380 on March the 12th. Wor. Bro. Livermore and officers conferred the first degree in an excellent manner. The lodge was found to be well conducted. This being my mother lodge I was delighted to be the recipient of an undress regalia, which I shall prize for all time.

On Mar. the 16th I officially visited Kilwinning Lodge No. 364. Wor. Bro. Geo. E. Perry and officers conferred the first degree in an excellent manner. This lodge I found to be in a flourishing condition.

On the 2nd of April I paid my official visit to Tuscan Lodge No. 195, when Wor. Bro. A. R. Cairncross and officers conferred the first degree in a highly capable manner. The books were found to be in excellent condition.

On April the 25th I visited Moffatt Lodge No. 399. A candidate was passed to the second degree, the work being efficiently carried out by W. H. A. Eaton and officers. The books were found to be in satisfactory condition.

On April the 26th I visited Doric Lodge No. 269, Lobo. Wor. Bro. E. McCallum and officers conferred the second degree in an excellent manner. Conditions were found to be satisfactory.

I officially visited Myra Lodge No. 529, Komoka, on April the 30th, when Wor. Bro. L. A. Lackie and officers conferred the first degree. I deeply regret to find conditions in this lodge unsatisfactory and it is to be hoped that before another visit is made, the brethren of this lodge will be working in unison. The books were found to be in excellent condition.

On May the 26th I paid my official visit to Delaware Valley Lodge No. 358, Delaware. This lodge was unfortunate in having their building and all regalia destroyed by fire. On account of this fact the meeting was held in the lodge room of St. Pauls Lodge No. 107, Lambeth, where the members of Delaware Valley Lodge received courteous assistance. Wor. Bro. Stanley Merrill and officers conferred the first degree in an efficient manner. Lodge conditions were found to be satisfactory, with plans for a fine new temple under way.

I visited Mount Olivet Lodge No. 200 on May the 29th. At this meeting Wor. Bro. George Van Horne and officers raised and lowered the lodge in an able manner. The books were found to be in good condition.

On May the 30th, I visited King Solomon Lodge No. 394, of Thamesford. Wor. Bro. John Oliver assisted by his officers, conferred the second degree in an excellent manner. Conditions in this lodge were found to be satisfactory.

I visited Henderson Lodge on the evening of June 25th, when Wor. Bro. Joseph Linden and attending officers conferred the first degree. Existing lodge conditions were found to be excellent.

Fraternally submitted,

BENJAMIN NOBLE, D.D.G.M.,

London District No. 3.

SOUTH HURON DISTRICT No. 4

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:—

It is with pleasure and an honour I submit my report, for your consideration, on the condition of Masonry and the achievements of the various lodges in the South Huron District No. 4.

At the outset of my term of office I re-appointed Wor. Bro. E. Denroche of Stratford as District Secretary who has discharged his duties diligently and materially assisted me in the work of the district and warm appreciation of his services is due from the district.

The great experience and pleasure of visiting the several lodges of the district, meeting with the splendid body of men in each instance has been most enjoyable, and it is only as a result of this experience that we, as Masons, fully appreciate the great order to which it is our privilege to belong. On this account, I esteem the great honor, which the brethren of South Huron District No. 4. bestowed upon me by electing me as their District Deputy Grand Master for the year just closing, with much pride and satisfaction. At this time I wish to heartily thank my brethren for the great honor done me.

My official duties throughout the year were not very onerous, and nothing of an extraordinary nature had to be dealt with. I visited every lodge in the district officially, and found an excellent brotherly and Masonic spirit prevailing. Much enthusiasm was apparent regarding the condition of the lodge rooms, fixtures, paraphernalia and regalia, with a desire towards improvements.

Mention should be made of the newly decorated and improved lodge room and quarters of Clinton Lodge. The brethren of Clinton Lodge are to be congratulated on their attainments in this direction. Zurich Lodge at Hensall also deserves the commendation of the district for their efforts in improving their conditions by moving into new and commodious quarters, which are finished off according to Masonic modesty and taste.

The reception given me in every instance by the brethren of the lodges was most cordial and friendly, being received in due form and made to feel that the reception itself was an indication of the very thing that we, as Masons, strive to promote, brotherly love and happiness, inspiring us with the true Masonic spirit to extend that brotherly love and happiness to others with whom we live and mingle. Not only did this kindly atmosphere prevail in the lodge room, but it extended and prevailed during the subsequent refreshment hour.

I have not thought it necessary to make a detailed report of each lodge, as I consider it sufficient when I state that the ritualistic work of the lodges appeared to be of a high standard, there being little room for criticism and where criticism was made it was due to a large extent to nervousness of the officers. The work of the lodges generally was of a high order, with possibly one or two exceptions, and where criticism was necessary I tried to give it in a kindly spirit, and I am satisfied it was received in the same manner. It is gratifying to know that Masonry in this district is being carried on, in nearly all the lodges, with due regard to the dignity of the craft, and with a sincere desire to inspire and help those who are seeking Masonic light, and the high standard of Masonic work enjoyed for so long in our district is being maintained.

The business of the several lodges is conducted, in nearly all instances, in a very satisfactory manner, considerable more attention being paid to Masonic records, which in time will be treasured by the younger brethren. The secretaries generally, being keenly interested in the welfare of their respective lodges, have made provision for the proper care of their books and records. The annual dues are methodically collected, as the result of which there is a remarkably small amount of outstanding dues.

Generally speaking, the several lodges are well manned with good officers, and I can bespeak a very prosperous and bright future for South Huron District No. 4. This is quite pronounced in the younger lodges, and I think I would be voicing the sentiments of those brethren who have visited our baby lodge, Tavistock Lodge U.D., that it is deserving of having a warrant granted by Grand Lodge at the approaching communica-

tion, after working successfully for a year under dispensation. Wor. Bro. Reid has a splendid set of officers, a very neat and comfortably fitted lodge room with attractive furniture, and a very fertile field to draw from, and I sincerely hope the prayers of the brethren of Tavistock Lodge will be heeded.

On the occasion of the regular meeting of St. Marys Lodge No. 493, my mother lodge, Dec. 19th., 1922, a very pleasing and worthy ceremony took place, the unveiling of a Memorial Tablet to the brethren of the lodge who gave their lives in the Great War, when a very fine and appropriate bronze tablet was unveiled by Bro. (Rev. Capt.) C. K. Masters, the special speaker being Bro. (Capt.) F. G. Sanderson.

On Jan. 29th, 1923, by direction of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, I was commanded to dedicate the new and commodious lodge rooms of Zurich Lodge No. 224 at Hensall to craft purposes. In this pleasant duty I was ably assisted by R.W. Bro. John Empey, P.D.D.G.M. of Calgary District No. 1 of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, Wor. Bro. H. W. Maxwell, Wor. Bro. F. Howald and Bro. W. H. Bishop, who so capably conducted the musical part of the beautiful dedicatory ceremony, all of St. Marys, and several past masters of Zurich and neighboring lodges. I wish to take this opportunity of heartily thanking these brethren for their able assistance.

Zurich Lodge is to be congratulated on their newly acquired and handsome quarters. It is in a strong position and has a bright future.

Many of the lodges visit one another when the visiting lodge exemplify some one of the three degrees. In this way much benefit is derived by both lodges, and the ritualistic work is of a more uniform nature throughout the district and of a high order. I strongly recommend inter-lodge visits, and sincerely hope it will become more general.

Now that the large number of applications has abated, compared with that of two and three years ago, I find what appears to be a normal number of applications for membership to be the rule. As a result the lodges are not rushed with work, there being a better opportunity to impress the candidates with the beauties

of Masonry, and the individual candidate receives better attention. This is as it should be, and I am convinced Masonry generally throughout the district is in a healthier and stronger position as a result. I believe also that candidates are selected more carefully than was the case during the war and post-war years.

One of the outstanding events, interesting not only to Masons of the district but the citizens generally, particularly Stratford Masons and citizens, was when the Most Worshipful the Grand Master Col. W. N. Ponton paid an official visit to Tecumseh Lodge No. 144, Stratford, on Feb. 16th, 1923, and also addressed the Rotarians at their weekly luncheon. This occasion proved to be a gala day for Masons of the district. At the complimentary banquet tendered to the Grand Master, which was graced by the presence of wives and lady friends of Masons, we were treated with a very inspiring address by the Grand Master, who so eloquently portrayed the ideals and beauties of Masonry. It was a real privilege to be numbered in the gathering.

With sincere sorrow I have to mention the passing into the Grand Lodge above of our immediate P.D.D.G. M. Rt. Wor. Bro. I. Hetherington, who was a real strength to Masonry in this district and a man among his fellow-men. We revere his memory and regret the great loss Masonry has sustained in his untimely passing. Rt. Wor. Bro. Hetherington was laid to rest at Goderich with full Masonic honors on Tuesday April 3rd., 1923. Rt. Wor. Bro. F. A. Copus kindly conducted the services in my unavoidable absence, ably assisted by Rt. Wor. Bro. Dunlop of Goderich.

I wish to express my deep gratitude to the brethren of the district again for the honor bestowed upon me, and for the many kindnesses and courtesies extended to me during my official visits throughout the district. Also I heartily thank the several brethren of St. Marys who accompanied me on several visits. I acknowledge with grateful appreciation the splendid attendance of the brethren of the lodges when officially visited, and particularly the visiting brethren from neighboring lodges.

Fraternally submitted,

C. E. RICHARDSON, D.D.G.M.,
South Huron District No. 4.

NORTH HURON DISTRICT No. 5

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members, of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:—

Appreciating the honor to me, it is with much pleasure that I submit for your consideration my Report on the condition of Masonry, and the work of the various Lodges in North Huron, District No. 5, for the Masonic year that has just closed.

To me the year has been one of much pleasure and profit. For this I feel that I am deeply indebted to the brethren who elected me to this distinguished office, thus making it possible for me to enjoy the privileges and opportunities for service that have been mine throughout the year. I am fully conscious of the honor they conferred on me, and I have tried to be worthy of the great confidence they placed in me. Everywhere, and at all times, I have met with kindness, courtesy, and hospitality. For all this I sincerely thank the brethren.

To those who so ably helped me in my work, who gave me kindly advice, who accompanied me on my visits and cheered me by the inspiration of their presence I am deeply grateful.

My first official visit was made to my home lodge, Blair Lodge, No. 314, on Friday, Oct. 13th, 1922. I was received very cordially by the Wor. Master J. Corbitt, officers and members. All of the Past Masters were present including R. Wor. Bro. H. Hyndman.

The Wor. Master has been ill for some time and was unable to remain until the close, Wor. Bro. Dr. Coleman taking him home earlier in the evening. I appreciate his coming out to receive me. Wor. Bro. H. McEwing, Secretary of the Lodge, has his books in good condition.

The First Degree was exemplified by the I.P.M., Wor. Bro. Robt. Barton and the regular officers in a creditable manner. Addresses were given by a number of the members and then this pleasant and harmonious meeting of the Lodge was brought to a close.

This visit will always be remembered by me, for at this meeting of the Lodge my only child was initiated into the Mysteries of Ancient Free Masonry.

Forest Lodge, No. 162, Wroxeter

I visited this Lodge on Dec. 4th, 1922, accompanied by a number of brethren from my home lodge. I was very cordially received by the members and a large number of visitors from Brussels and Fordwich.

The Wor. Master G. Town, assisted by Wor. Bro. Davidson, put on the Third Degree in a very creditable manner. Rt. Wor. Bro. Brown, the secretary, and the other officers deserve credit for the large attendance and the enthusiasm displayed. This Lodge is forging ahead to the position it held years ago.

St. John's Lodge, No. 284, Brussels

I visited St. John's Lodge on Feb. 27th, 1923, accompanied by the Wor. Brethren Ladd, Barton and Beetlestone, from my home Lodge. I was received in a very courteous manner by the officers, members and several visitors.

The Wor. Master, A. W. Dennison, assisted by his regular officers, exemplified the Second Degree in a very impressive manner. Each performed his part skilfully, and each seemed filled with the desire to do serviceable and effective work.

The Secretary, Wor. Bro. Gillespie, has his books in good order. The neatness of his work is commendable.

Wingham Lodge, No. 286, Wingham

On March 6th, 1923, accompanied by Wor. Bro. Ladd, I visited Wingham Lodge. I was escorted into the Lodge by the Rt. Wor. Brethren Morton and Spotton. Wor. Bro. King on behalf of the Lodge gave me a hearty welcome.

The Third Degree was conferred on three candidates, in a faultless manner. Wor. Brethren Currie and Oliver assisted the Wor. Master. A large number of visitors, among whom were Rt. Wor. Bro. Fowler of Teeswater,

Rt. Wor. Bro. Watson of Listowel, and Rt. Wor. Bro. Gibson of Fordwich, were present.

The Secretary, Wor. Bro. Coutts, has his books in splendid shape.

Old Light Lodge, No. 184, Lucknow

I visited Old Light Lodge on March 29th, 1923, accompanied by Bro. Ladd of my home lodge. I was received in a very courteous manner by the officers, members, and several visitors.

The Wor. J. Quaid, in a very impressive manner, conferred the First Degree on two excellent candidates. The Junior Warden, Bro. D. Hodgins, delivered, in an excellent manner, the charge for the South; and Rt. Wor. Bro. Patterson, who is eighty years of age, gave the charge from the Book of Constitution, in a faultless and dignified manner.

The Secretary, Bro. Cantilon, has his books in good order, and reports matters in splendid condition.

Fordwich Lodge, No. 331, Fordwich

I visited the Fordwich Lodge on April 26th, 1923, accompanied by Wor. Bros. Ladd, Barton, Fair and several other brethren of my home Lodge.

I was received in a very courteous manner by the officers, members, and several visitors. The Wor. Master, Bro. Ashton, and his officers, put on the Second Degree in a very satisfactory manner. Rt. Wor. Bro. Hutchinson, the Secretary, has his books in good condition.

Bernard Lodge, No. 225, Listowel

On April 27th, 1923, accompanied by Wor. Brethren Ladd, Coleman, Barton, Beetlestone and several other brethren of my home lodge, I visited Bernard Lodge, Listowel.

I was escorted into the Lodge by Rt. Wor. Brethren Blackmore and Watson. The Master, Wor. Bro. Hamilton, on behalf of the Lodge, gave me a hearty welcome. The First Degree was exemplified in a faultless manner. All the officers are very efficient in their work. Credit

is due the Secretary, Very Wor. Bro. Blackmore, for the splendid condition of the books.

Northern Light Lodge, No. 93, Kincardine

I paid my official visit to this Lodge on May 2nd, 1923. I was introduced by the Very Wor. Bro. Miller, and was royally received by Wor. Bro. Magwood and a well-filled Lodge room in which were a large number of visitors, one of whom was Rt. Wor. Bro. Blackmore of Listowel.

The Wor. Master and his officers exemplified the Second Degree in a faultless manner. The Choir and the instrumental music made the work very impressive. The Junior Warden had prepared a Fourth Degree which was much appreciated by all. The Secretary, Rt. Wor. Bro. McPherson, has his books in splendid shape; dues are well paid up and he reports the Lodge in good condition. A number of instructive addresses on Masonry were given.

Teeswater Lodge, No. 276, Teeswater

Accompanied by several Past Masters and brethren of my home lodge I paid my official visit to Teeswater Lodge on May 25th, 1923. I was introduced by Rt. Wor. Bro. Fowler, and was very courteously received by Wor. Bro. Strome and a Lodge room filled with brethren among whom were many visitors.

The Wor. Master and his Officers exemplified the First Degree in a very satisfactory manner. Rt. Wor. Bro. Fowler has his books in splendid shape.

Bruce Lodge, No. 341, Tiverton

I paid my last official visit to Bruce Lodge on May 29th, 1923, and was royally received by Wor. Bro. Mewberry and a well-filled Lodge room. A large number of visitors were present from Kincardine. The Wor. Master regretted that their candidate was suddenly called away. But judging by the efficient manner in which they opened and closed in the several Degrees, and from the assurance given me by several of the Past Masters as to the excellent quality of the work, I would say that each officer is proficient in all of the work.

The meeting of Masters and Past Masters which I had called for the purpose of forming a Past Masters' Association in the District of North Huron, No. 5, met in Wingham on Wednesday, June 13th, 1923. Of the ten lodges of the District, seven were represented. After some discussion it was decided to form an Association. Officers were elected and it was arranged that the first meeting should take place after Grand Lodge. I think the Association will be very beneficial to all the Lodges of the District.

In conclusion I wish to again thank the officers and brethren of the different lodges for the kindly manner in which they received me on my official visits. The work of the year has been a wonderful inspiration to me, and my hope is that, in my humble way, I have been able to do something for the good of the brethren and for the advancement of the Craft. It is with these objects in view that I have endeavored to work harmoniously among the brethren. Ever shall I remember with fond recollections the kindness, the courtesy the brotherly love, and fraternal goodwill, with which I was received by each Lodge in the District. To have that memory is worth any effort and any sacrifice I have made. I thank the brethren for making that memory possible.

Fraternally submitted,

THEODORE MORRIS, D.D.G.M.,

North Huron, District, No. 5.

WILSON DISTRICT No. 6

To the Most Worshipful, The Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:—

I have the honour to present herewith my report on the condition of Masonry in Wilson District No. 6 during the past year.

I wish first to express my sincere thanks to the brethren of Wilson District for the honour conferred upon me in unanimously electing me to the position of D.D.G.M. for this historic district, an honour not sought, therefore all the more appreciated, and also my gratitude for the courtesy, kindness and hospitality that has been shown me everywhere throughout the district.

My first official act was to appoint Wor. Bro. F. F. Dickerson of Oxford Lodge, No. 76 as District Secretary and Wor. Bro. F. W. Bean of King Solomon's Lodge, No. 43 District Chaplain, to both of whom I am deeply indebted for the interest shown and for their able assistance during the year.

I visited all the lodges at least once officially and was present at many other meetings in a private capacity. I also had the honour of installing the officers in seven lodges. To give a detailed account of each visit would take much time and space and would necessarily mean much repetition so I will confine my report to general remarks.

It gives me much pleasure to report that without exception I found the lodges in a flourishing condition, the officers well posted and intensely interested in their work, the degree work being very uniform and excellently exemplified. The books are all well kept, the secretaries being all men of ability who have the welfare of their lodge at heart and realize that on them, much depends for the welfare and progress of the lodge.

Throughout the district one cannot help but see the footprints of the Past District Deputies and the older Past Masters who have kept up their interest in the craft

and have done so much to bring Masonry up to its present standing, all honour to these men who set the example for us to follow.

Dedication of Woodstock Masonic Temple

The most important event of the year in this district was the dedication of the new Temple at Woodstock on January 10th, when we were honored with the presence of the Most Wor. Grand Master and several past and present Grand Lodge officers.

Grand Lodge convened in one of the large club rooms of the Temple at 2.30 and proceeded to the lodge room where King Solomon's Lodge, No. 43, and Oxford Lodge No. 76 were in session. The M.W. Grand Master and staff then assumed the chairs and proceeded with the impressive dedication ceremony during which the Woodstock Masonic Choir rendered beautiful and appropriate music.

At the conclusion of the ceremony the M.W. Grand Mast addressed the large number of brethren present giving a very inspiring and eloquent address; he also congratulated the Woodstock lodges on their having completed such beautiful and commodious quarters.

At 6.30 the brethren to the number of about four hundred, sat down to a banquet in the Armouries, where after justice had been done to the good things served by the ladies, the M.W. Grand Master spoke on Masonry generally, dwelling especially on the need of a proper institution for the care of aged and impoverished Masons and their dependents.

Very able and pleasing addresses were also given by R.W. Logan, R. W. Bro. Rowland, R.W Bro. Young, R.W. Bro. Martin, R. W. Bro. Forsyth, R.W. Bro. Anderson and several other local and visiting brethren. The Masonic choir also rendered several musical numbers. The gathering dispersed about midnight all voting the affair the most important and successful masonic event ever held in Woodstock.

Lodge of Instruction

On May 16th the annual Lodge of Instruction was held under a dispensation granted to Oxford Lodge No.

76. Lodge was opened at 2 p.m. by the officers of Oxford Lodge, who, after the reading and confirmation of minutes of last district meeting, vacated the chairs which were taken by Wor. Bro. McPherson and officers of Frederick Lodge, No. 217 Delhi, who exemplified the First Degree in a faultless manner; after discussion on this degree the lodge was opened in the 2nd degree by the Officers of Blenheim Lodge, No. 108. The second and third degrees were not worked in full but only such parts as were thought necessary. King Solomon's Lodge, No. 43 opened and closed in the third degree and King Hiram, No. 37 closed in the 2nd and 1st degrees.

Brethren to the number of almost two hundred were present from practically all parts of the district and this in spite of a very stormy day which made it impossible for many to attend. At 6.30 supper was served in the City Hall after which the brethren were entertained for the evening by the Temple Minstrels.

In conclusion I want to express my gratitude to Rt. Wor. Bro. Montgomery, Rt. Wor. Bro. Dutton, Rt. Wor. Bro. Blair, Wor. Bro. Cole and Wor. Bro. Blueman, The Woodstock Masonic Choir and many others who cheerfully rendered invaluable assistance and support to me during the year.

I entered the year's work with many misgivings, but have endeavored to render the best service possible, and the joy I have experienced in meeting so many splendid men and in making friendships which I trust will be lasting, has been worth many times the sacrifice which the work demanded.

Fraternally submitted.

J. G. ARCHIBALD, D.D.G.M.

Wilson District, No. 6.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT No. 7

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:—

I have the honour to present herewith my report as District Deputy Grand Master of this district for the Masonic year now closing.

My first official acts were the appointing of a District Secretary and a District Chaplain. In W. Bro. Allan Bechtel, I had a most efficient secretary. Who performed his duties promptly, and assisted me in my work very much. Accompanied me in nearly all my visits throughout the district.

Bro. (Rev.) S. L. W. Harton of Waterloo Lodge, as District Chaplain assisted me whenever requested, conducted the district church services in Galt Methodist Church, June 24th at which a splendid turnout of the brethren were present. To both officers I wish to express my appreciation.

The 18 lodges in Wellington District, No. 7 are all prospering. Harmony prevails throughout and the work of the officers uniform and of a very high standard. I visited all the lodges once officially, and will ever remember the hearty reception I received from the brethren, and the many friendships formed, which I trust will last until time shall be no more.

In all my visits I have endeavored to show the brethren the necessity for a home of some kind where our aged and infirm brothers, the widows, and orphans of our deceased members, who needed assistance, could be looked after in a proper manner. Also the necessity of the brethren living up to and practising the true teaching of Masonry in our every day life.

My first official visit was to Ayr Lodge, No. 172, on Oct. 9th, 1922. Greeted by a splendid turn-out of the brethren and visitors of the district. Introduced by R. W. Bro. Woolner, received a warm welcome from the

brethren. W. Bro. Ramsay and his officers then exemplified the first degree in a very creditable manner.

Oct. 10th, 1922. I paid my official visit to Conestogo Lodge, Drayton.

W. Bro. Smiley and his officers conferred the first degree in a manner that was a credit to the lodge.

Oct. 17th, 1922. I paid my official visit to Galt Lodge. This being Past Master Night the chairs were occupied by Past Masters of the Lodge. W. Bro. Mitchell in the East. The First Degree was conferred in a splendid manner and Galt Lodge is to be congratulated on having such a number of Past Masters, so well posted in the work.

Oct. 30th, 1922. I visited Walker Lodge, Acton, No. 321, on the above date. A splendid turn-out of the brethren and visitors present. W. Bro. McLean and officers exemplified the first degree which was well done in every respect.

Nov. 3rd, 1922. I paid my official visit to Mercer Lodge, Fergus, on the above date. There was a splendid turn-out of the brethren and visitors. W. Bro. Ewing and officers conferred the first degree in a very creditable manner.

Nov. 13th, 1922. I paid my official visit to New Dominion Lodge on the above date. There was no candidate so the W. Master Bro. Bechtel opened and closed in the three degrees and gave the penalties of each. A fair turn-out of the brethren was present. Prospects of this lodge much brighter than has been in the past.

Nov. 17th, 1922. I motored to Elora to make my official visit to Irvine Lodge on the above date. W. Bro. Wardley and his officers exemplified the first degree which could not be much improved on. The officers and members of this lodge seem to take a good deal of interest in Masonry.

At the banquet a presentation of a beautiful ring to Bro. (Rev.) Canon Naftel who was leaving Elora, to live in Milton was made. Irvine will miss Bro. Naftel, as he took a deep interest in Lodge affairs.

Nov. 24th, 1922. I officially visited Twin-City Lodge, No. 509, on the above date.

W. Bro. Stewart and his officers conferred the First Degree in a splendid manner. There was a splendid turn-out of brethren, on this occasion. I received a hearty reception from the brethren on my entrance to the Lodge, also in the banquet hall. Being a charter member of this lodge I have been always interested in the work and success of Twin-City Lodge. Twin City has been fortunate in having a secretary who has the interest of Masonry at heart and the success of this lodge always in view. I refer to R. W. Bro. Geo. DeKlein-hans. Long may he be spared to fill the office.

Dec. 12th, 1922. I visited Guelph Lodge, No. 258, Guelph, on above date. W. Bro. Salmon conferred the first degree in a manner which left nothing to be desired. This lodge has a beautiful room, a splendid set of officers, and well supported by its Past Masters, and I am sure will continue to prosper.

Dec. 29th, 1922. Officially visited Alma Lodge, No. 72, Galt, on the above date. Being Past Master's Night, chairs were taken by the past masters of the Lodge. W. Bro. C. L. McWilliams in the East. The First Degree was conferred in an excellent manner every officer having his work well prepared. Alma Lodge is to be congratulated on the efficiency of Past Masters.

We had with us on this occasion R. W. Bro. Drope, Deputy Grand Master, who addressed the brethren.

March 27th, 1923. Officially visited, Grand River Lodge, on the above date. W. Bro. Weir, and his officers conferred the First Degree in a manner which could not be improved on. The Past Masters of this lodge always take a deep interest in its welfare and attend all meetings regularly, and I have no doubt is one reason for the splendid work of its officers and prosperity of the Lodge.

April 23rd, 1923. Visited Waverley Lodge, No. 361 Guelph, Ont. on the above date.

W. Bro. M. B. Dulmage, conferred the First Degree in a splendid manner. I am sure that if some of the Lodges would visit Waverley, they would receive a great deal of instruction, as particular attention is given to every detail of the Degree, including the floor work.

After Lodge closed Bro. Charles S. Davies, representative of the Toronto Masonic Research Society gave a very instructive address on Masonic symbols which was enjoyed by the brethren.

April 27th, 1923. I visited Credit Lodge, No. 219, Georgetown on above date, accompanied by W. Bro. Downing and W. Bro. Schiedel of Grand River Lodge.

W. Bro. S. Kirk and his officers put on the First Degree in a very creditable manner. Credit Lodge has a comfortable lodge room. Officers and members interested in the work. A first-class secretary. This lodge is sure to prosper.

May 1st, 1923. Officially visited Speed Lodge, No. 180, on above date. W. Bro. E. Ray Flewelling and his officers worked First Degree which was of a very high standard indeed. And kept up the reputation of the Guelph Lodges for good work. This lodge has a great deal of work, and I am sure will continue to prosper under the direction of the present officers.

April 18th, 1923. I officially visited Waterloo Lodge, No. 539 Waterloo on above date. I have looked forward to this with a great deal of pleasure. Being the first Master of this lodge, I have always taken an interest in the success of the lodge and its officers.

W. Bro. J. C. Machus and his officers exemplified the fellowcraft degree. R. W. Bro. Woolner whom I asked to inspect the work pronounced it perfect. I was indeed pleased.

We had a splendid turn out of the brethren, D.D.G. M.'s, Past Masters and Masters of the districts and many visitors and spent a happy time together. This lodge is in a very prosperous condition. To the officers and members of this lodge I am indeed grateful for the many kindnesses I have received from them since its institution.

May 4th, 1923. I officially visited Wilmot Lodge, No. 318 on the above date. W. Bro. Ruthig and officers worked the First Degree in a very creditable manner.

Though this lodge is the smallest lodge in the district, the work has always been kept up to a very high standard, thanks to the Past Masters, who are ever present and instructing the officers in the work.

April 20th, 1923. Visited Preston Lodge, No. 297 Preston on the above date. The fellowcraft degree was conferred on 4 candidates by W. Bro. Gillies, assisted

by the Past Masters in a very able manner. Preston lodge is prospering, and care taken in the character of the candidates accepted.

May 14th, 1923. My last official visit I paid to New Hope Lodge, No. 279, Hespeler. W. Bro. Ferguson and his officers conferred the First Degree in an efficient manner though it was his first candidate the work was well done. They had 4 applications for membership that night. Past Masters taking an interest in the lodge. Prospects good.

Lodge of Instruction held in Kitchener, Thursday, May 17th, 1923. Under the auspices of Grand River Lodge. 2.30 p.m., First Degree exemplified by officers of Alma and Galt Lodges of Galt. 4.00 p.m., Second Degree exemplified by officers of Speed Lodge, Guelph. 8.00 p.m., Third Degree exemplified by the officers of Grand River Lodge.

Afternoon attendance only fair.

In the evening there was a very large turn out which taxed the capacity of lodge room and banquet hall to the

utmost, nearly every lodge in the district being represented. It was indeed a real lodge of instruction, the work being well done. The discussions on questions asked, of benefit to the Craft.

I thank the officers who conferred the several degrees on behalf of the district for the time and trouble they went to make it a success.

Also to the officers and members of Grand River Lodge for the use of their lodge room, and the time given to ensure the success of the meeting. At the banquet Bro. (Rev.) Wedd gave a splendid address. Subject: Left Hand Pillar, which was instructive and enjoyed by every Brother present. I sincerely thank Bro. Wedd for his kindness in giving such an able address, on such short notice.

In conclusion I desire to thank the brethren of the district for the honour conferred on me. To all those who assisted me in my work and for the many kindnesses I received during my term of office.

Fraternally submitted,

CYRUS HEMPHILL, D.D.G.M.,

Wellington District No. 7.

HAMILTON DISTRICT No. 8

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:—

I am pleased to report that Masonry in this district is in a most flourishing and healthy condition and now the benumbing effects of years of financial depression have passed away, greater attention is given to the calls of the lodge. Unpaid dues are being met with cheerfulness, there are less suspensions for non-payment while applications for admission to the Craft are being sought by all sorts and conditions of men. The district shows a substantial increase in membership and the new lodges recently chartered are making excellent progress.

There has been a marked improvement in the type of character admitted to the order. I have every reason to believe that the Investigating Committees have been thorough and painstaking and that the portals of the lodge have been guarded from admittance of "undesirables" by the discerning judgments and frank reports of the Brethren. Far better to keep our lodges select with a few, than swell the membership with men who in the true sense can never become Masons.

The Work.

This has been done in a workman-like manner. The Ruling Masters are well versed in Masonic science and work with enthusiasm to the best of their ability and strive conscientiously to observe the landmarks and follow in letter and spirit the Constitutional rulings of Grand Lodge. The charges and Lectures are given with intelligence and a sincere effort is made to impress the Candidate with our great moral teachings and lessons. There is less parrot-like delivery of the wooden, lifeless recitation, more modulation of the voice harmonizing with the beautiful language of our ritual.

I would like to see some definite authority ruling over the "perambulating method" of giving the charge from the South. I have seen now and then an officer do excellent and impressive work in this way but it is an exception, many having miserably failed and have

detracted in this way from its dignity and charm. The "explanations" have become a maze of confusion and intricate windings, slovenly and unintelligent parade.

Fraternal Visits.

The coming of better and more prosperous time has encouraged and increase in these visits and nothing but good can come from them if properly conducted. There is always the possibility of new friendships being formed and the comparing of degree work by exchange of visits. The brethren are stimulated to make every effort to "put on" a degree as near perfection as possible, they study and get up their work so that the impressions may be lasting.

The Banquet Room.

This is greatly improving in tone; speeches and addresses of high educational, moral and interesting character have been given. Special speakers have been secured who have had messages with an elevating grip in them. The room is no longer a charnel house of blighted reputations, where the good worker of the lodge room forgets himself and suffers loss of prestige. The doubtful, smutty, vulgar or obscene story is today being received in silence but the witty, humorous, clever story is received with wholesome laughter, hilarious appreciation, and applause. This is as it should be. Yes, there are exceptions.

Burlington and Hamilton Beach.

This is dictinctly a territory of the . Burlington lodge, yet the citizens are more intimately associated with the life of Hamilton. Many there desire to join city lodges where they have friends, they have little or nothing to do with Burlington. There have been a number of candidates taken by city lodges from the Beach, and Burlington objects and rightly so, yet it seems a little unfair to good and true men who want to come in Masonry to be forced into a lodge where they have no common friendships. I think the time is ripe for a recommendation to be made that the Hamilton Beach to the Canal be made territory over which Burlington, Wentworth and the Hamilton Lodges enjoy concurrent jurisdiction.

The Unveiling of Tablet.

This was one of the most important meetings held in the district. The brethren having united in the erection of a tablet in the Masonic Temple to commemorate the valor and perpetuate the memory of forty-two brethren who lost their lives during the great war, the Most Wor. the Grand Master W. N. Ponton, was, on November 12th, 1922 invited to preside at the unveiling, the Barton Lodge No. 6 taking charge of the ceremony. After the ceremony the brethren adjourned to the Savoy Theatre where appropriate addresses were delivered by the Most Wor. the Grand Master and Brother Archdeacon Renison. Among the distinguished brethren present were Rt. Wor. Bro. W. J. Drope, D. G. M.; Most Wor. Bro. W. H. Wardrope; R. W. Bros. W. M. Logan, G. S., T. Forsyth, G. J. W.; J. Mercer, G. R.; Rt. Wor. Bro. Sir. Geo. McLaren Brown of London, Eng.; Rt. Wor. Bro. C. E. Kelly; V. Wor. Bro. Geo. Ross and Bro. George Copley, Mayor of the City.

The eloquent and inspiring addresses will be long remembered as among the greatest tributes paid to our heroic dead.

On January 29th, 1923, I called a meeting of all Grand Lodge Officers, past and present to meet the Past Masters Association, to consider the advisability of dividing the district. The division was made by myself and endorsed almost unanimously, and the recommendation sent forward to the special committee of Grand Lodge.

Early in the Fall I met the ruling Masters of the City Lodges and had a heart to heart talk with them. I went over the work thoroughly, mentioned a number of irregularities I wished to see rectified and was promised hearty co-operation which I loyally received.

I have visited every lodge once and some lodges many times. I have been insistent in seeing every Country Lodge work a degree. The standard of work is high and Masters and officers throughout the district deserve great credit for their efficiency and the sincere desire they have to promote the best welfare of the Craft.

Tuscan Lodge No. 551. December 7th, 1922.

I visited and conducted the election of officers. There is, I regret to say, lack of harmony and good fellowship here. Some of its members are still without the spirit of Masonry and are unable to apply our splendid moral teachings to lodge life. The cultivation of love and harmony are the true essentials of peace, concord and progress. The membership is over 300 and the degree work of the lodge has been uniformly good. I visit this lodge often.

Acacia Lodge No. 61. September 8, 1922.

This was a Grand Lodge Night and the first degree was conferred in a manner becoming the dignity and ability of present and Past Grand Lodge Officers who filled the chairs. At this meeting the lodge presented a Grand Lodge Regalia to V. Wor. Bro. Herbert Temple, Grand Senior Deacon, and expressed their appreciation of the good work he had done for the Craft Masonry.

December 8, 1922.

Visited and conducted the election of officers. The lodge has a membership of over 800. There was an attendance of the largest number of Past Masters on record. Wor. Bro. D. G. Shearer has been industrious and painstaking in his work and the degrees have been conferred in a correct, impressive, and true to type manner. Rt. Wor. Bro. Kelly is the genial Secretary of this lodge. It is healthy and prosperous and financial standing is good.

Hugh Murray Lodge No. 602. September 19th, 1922.

Attending for purpose of Constituting, Consecrating and Dedicating, I was most ably assisted by Rt. Wor. Bros. Kelly, Latshaw, Madill, Forsyth, Mercer, Sheppard and the Grand Secretary and many other Very Wor. Brethren of the City lodges. Wor. Bro. Frank Sprules acted as an ideal Director of Ceremonies.

At the banquet following appreciative references were made to the Grand Old Mason after whom the lodge was named, showing the esteem in which his sterling qualities and honoured name are still held.

February 10th, 1923.

Officially visited the lodge. The E. A. degree was exemplified in excellent form. Wor Bro. Lavis is doing splendid work in building up a lodge of the right kind, small but select. Very Wor. Bro. J. H. Leach is a splendid secretary, knows his work and does it well and his intimate knowledge of the ritual and constitution make him an invaluable asset to the lodge.

Electric Lodge No. 405. September 29th, 1922. *

At this meeting being a chartered member and the lodge having honoured me with nomination for D. D. G. M. as their favoured brother, was presented with a Grand Lodge Regalia by Wor. Bro. W. F. Montague, the gifted and progressive secretary. He said some very kind things about me and my work and interest in the Craft Masonry which were greatly appreciated by me. I am proud to be the first D. D. G. M. from this up-to-date lodge and thank the brethren for the great honour they conferred by sending my name forward to Grand Lodge.

October 18th, 1922.

Visited officially and conducted the election of officers. There is a marked improvement in the tone and work of this lodge, a more friendly and congenial spirit pervades the atmosphere, the true spirit of brotherhood is here and the members are trying to be real Masons.

June 20th, 1923.

Visited to watch the work. At this meeting the Inner Guard, Brother Dr. Lannin gracefully presented the lodge with a beautiful new copy of the V. O. T. S. L. as an appreciation for the sympathy and kindness shown him during the serious illness of his wife and child. Wor. Bro. James Pilling accepted same and requested me to place it on the altar.

St. Johns Lodge No. 40. September 21st, 1922.

Visited on the occasion of a presentation of a Grand Lodge Regalia being made to Rt. Wor. Bro. James Mercer who was recently elected Grand Registrar. He

is a great favorite in the lodge having been an indefatigable worker for years. The first degree was conferred by the Grand Lodge Officers.

December 21st, 1922

Attended specially and conducted the election of officers. This was practically unanimous. The lodge has held its own and made progress during the period of "lean years". Financial standing is excellent. There are a number of promising officers coming along and the high reputation for good fellowship and good work is likely to be maintained for many years.

St. Andrews Lodge No. 593. September 27th, 1922.

On this occasion the lodge was Constituted, Consecrated and Dedicated. I again received splendid help in the ceremony from many Rt. Wor. and Worshipful brethren.

It has again and again been expressed that this Consecration was the most impressive Masonic Function witnessed in the district, and I am proud to have the assistance of such a representative body of Past Masters at my command.

May 23rd, 1923.

Visited again. Saw the regular officers work a first degree as well and perfectly as I have witnessed in any lodge. The lodge is strong and progressive, and a more efficient and well informed secretary than Bro. W. F. W. Davidson it would be difficult to find.

Enniskillen Lodge No. 185, York. Oct. 2nd, 1922.

Visited the lodge and witnessed the first degree conferred in a very able manner. While the night was hot and sultry the attendance was excellent. The lodge is in a good healthy condition. It was very gratifying to have present W. Bro. John Senn who was initiated in this lodge 50 years ago and is still going strong and doing his bit for the lodge.

After the lodge closed, a sumptuous banquet was provided by the ladies, and a most pleasing feature of the evening was the attendance of the wives, sisters,

and daughters of the members. A splendid address was given by Bro. Mark Senn, M. P., Senior Warden of the lodge.

Harmony Lodge No. 57. October 4th, 1922.

Visited and saw the first degree conferred in an exceptionally fine manner. No doubt this is the peer of the lodges in the Rural Districts for the excellency of Masonic work. I have not seen better. This lodge has produced workers of very high class, and the manner in which the charges are given must have greatly impressed the candidate. Respect for our landmarks and constitutional rulings, together with enthusiasm for the welfare of the brotherhood is an outstanding feature of these brethren.

The work of Wor. Bros. Angus, Spittal, and Hugh Johnson was most commendable.

Buchanan Lodge No. 550. October 5th, 1922.

Visited and conducted the election of officers. The lodge recently purchased and remodelled the building improving lodge accommodation and equipment, as well as a commodious banquet room. This is a most energetic and progressive lodge, and while I did not witness a degree worked here I have seen the brethren do their work well on other occasions.

Campbell Lodge No. 603, Campbellville. October 11th, 1922.

Visited and conducted the ceremony of Constitution, Consecration and Dedication. The lodge room is ideal for a Rural district, finished with great taste and well furnished and equipped in every respect. There is also a good sized banquet room. The weather was particularly stormy but a splendid attendance witnessed the beautiful ceremonies of our Order.

June 15th, 1923.

Visited and witnessed the officers confer the E. A. degree. The work was well done and all concerned deserved great credit for the work they have done to make this a real live, progressive Country Lodge. To Wor. Bro. Snyder, Bros. Campbell and the energetic secretary W. D. Stewart is due much praise.

Hillcrest Lodge No. 594. October 17th, 1922.

At my request Rt. Wor. Bro. Walter Madill (who was one of the founders of the lodge and takes a most fatherly interest in its progress) took charge of the ceremony of Constitution, Consecration and Dedication, while I assisted him.

It is impossible to mention the names of all the Wor. Brethren who were present; such a galaxy will long be remembered. All the city lodges were represented while among Past and Present Grand Lodge Officers were: Rt. Wor. Bro. W. J. Drope, D. G. M.; T. Forsyth, G. J. W.; E. Sheppard, G. C.; W. M. Logan, G. S.; J. Mercer, G. R.; H. C. Tugwell, F. Latshaw, J. McNeilly, P. A. Sommerville, R. C. Crawford, C. E. Kelly, Lyman Lee, C. G. Kilgour, J. McGregor, Dr. Hanna and many others. Most of these were personal friends of Rt. Wor. Bro. Madill and their presence expressed the esteem in which he is held by the Brethren everywhere. The ceremony was splendidly conducted and a good banquet of speech and song enjoyed later.

May 14th, 1923.

Visited to witness the degree work of the lodge and first degree was exemplified in a thoroughly impressive and efficient manner. The Worshipful Master, J. A. Yorick acted as my Junior Warden some 18 years ago and knows his work well. This is a progressive and enthusiastic lodge and has a splendid outlook.

The Lodge of Strict Observance No. 27. Oct. 20th, 1922,

This is my Mother Lodge. Being the 75th anniversary of the lodge's formation, it was appropriately made Past Masters Night.

About 28 Past Masters were present, among them M. Wor. Bro. Sir John M. Gibson, who was initiated in the lodge 55 years ago. A remarkable and successful gathering. The Deputy Grand Master and many Worshipful brethren were present.

December 15th, 1922.

Visited and conducted the election of officers, all of whom received promotion on the principle of efficient

and faithful service. The present Master is a good worker, full of life and ambitious that there shall be no deterioration in the work of the lodge or the material for membership.

The lodge has sustained a great loss by the death of Wor. Bro. Robert Cheyne, I.P.M. He was numbered among the best as a citizen, friend and brother. Also by the passing out of V. Wor. Bro. W. F. McGiverin. He possessed great natural dramatic gifts which he devoted to Masonry. The impressiveness of the charges so eloquently delivered will long be remembered. He was a great and good Mason.

Corinthian Lodge No. 513. October 26th, 1922

Visited and conducted the election of officers. There is every evidence of harmony and concord, and the feeling of brotherhood and friendship in this lodge is remarkable. The lodge is prosperous and flourishing.

The feature of the lodge is the singing in lodge and banquet room of a splendidly balanced choir which contributes to the edification and entertainment of all.

A most successful night was "Policeman's Night". The Master Masons of the police force filled all the chairs under able leadership of the chief Wor. Bro. Whatley—initiated a member of the police force of the city. The work was certainly a credit to all concerned. The banquet room was simply packed with many of our own Past Grand Lodge Officers. The guests of the evening being Rt. Wor. Bro. Judge Hinkley of Buffalo, who was introduced by Rt. Wor. Bro. Judge J. G. Gauld. A more eloquent, instructive and masterly address has not been listened to for many years.

Ionic Lodge No. 549. November 1st, 1922,

Conducted the election of officers. This lodge has had a very prosperous year and the choice of officers speaks well for its continued success. No doubt the energy and indefatigable work of W. Bro. Lainchbury has added to its success. The lodge is working in harmony and has excellent prospects before it.

St. Andrews Lodge No. 62, Caledonia. Nov. 2nd, 1922.

Visited and saw the second degree exemplified in a creditable manner. At this meeting a very interesting incident took place. Very Wor. Bro. James Old, who has been a member of the lodge for over 59 years, and a Past Master of the lodge for over 50 years, had a Past Master's Jewel presented by the lodge. It was with great pleasure I made the presentation. Very Wor. Bro. Old with great feeling expressed his thanks and appreciation.

Here again the banquet room was crowded with ladies who joined in the social intercourse with the brethren and thoroughly enjoyed the supper, speech and song. This innovation is certainly to be commended.

The Barton Lodge No. 6. November 8th, 1922.

Visited the lodge on the occasion of its 127th Anniversary. It was a great night. The Past Masters with Rt. Wor. Bro. Geo. Moore in the chair worked the first degree in a most creditable manner. W. Bro. Dr. O'Reilly the painstaking Archivist of the lodge, had on view a replica of the old Smith Tavern made of logs, this being the first meeting place of the lodge. Three old members who had been initiated over 50 years, Hugh McKay, Jas. Ogilvie, John H. Land were present, hale and hearty.

February 14th, 1923.

Paid my official visit and saw the regular officers of the lodge work the E. A. degree. The old lodge still works in a most impressive and correct manner, living up to its traditions and setting the pace of efficient work to the younger lodges.

The Lodge has lost one of its old Past Grand Lodge Officers by the death of Rt. W. Bro. John Hoodless who although for years has been an invalid yet up to the time of his death he was still interested in the Craft.

Temple Lodge, No. 324. November 15th, 1922.

This was "Grand Master's Night," one that will long be remembered. Over 100 members of Zeta Lodge, Toronto, were present and conferred the Second Degree

in a most exemplary manner. Among those present were the Most Worshipful the Grand Master Bro. W. N. Ponton, K.C., W. Bro. Wardrope, Rt. Wor. Bros. Young, Logan, Foster, Kelly, Madill, Graham, Sommer-ville and many other distinguished Wor. Brethren.

December 12th, 1922. Visited and conducted the election of officers which was most harmonious. No degree was worked, but I had the opportunity of seeing the officers work on another occasion and their work was excellent.

February 10th, 1923. A most interesting and instructive evening was spent. Rt. Wor. Bro. W. M. Logan, G.S., occupied the chair and the E. A. Degree was exemplified with explanatory comments on the symbolic meaning of this degree of Masonry. It was a Lodge of Instruction in the true meaning of the phrase and the Rt. Wor. Brother was heartily thanked for his running comments and address. At the meeting an excellent paper was read by Bro. Charles Cunningham on the early traditions of Masonry, showing diligent research—a paper I would like read at every Lodge.

Hamilton Lodge, No. 562. November 16th, 1922.

Accompanied about 150 officers and members on a fraternal visit to Clifton Lodge, Niagara Falls. This was "Railway Night" and the chairs were filled by brethren representing every branch of the Railway Service who worked a third degree.

January 8th, 1923. Officially visited the Lodge and saw the exemplification of the Second Degree. The work was well done. At this meeting Certificates of Life Membership were presented to M. W. Bro. Wardrope, W. Bro. E. G. Dixon the first Master of the Lodge, Bro. J. Wingham and to myself for services rendered, the same being greatly appreciated by the recipients. The Lodge is flourishing, membership growing and the work is well done.

Wardrope Lodge, No. 555. November 27th, 1922.

Made official visit conducted the election of officers. This is a very energetic and progressive Lodge although

but a year old, has a membership of over 300. It possesses probably the best Junior and Senior Deacons there are in the District. I have never seen floor work done better.

February 26th, 1923. Again visited this Lodge and witnessed the exemplification of the Third Degree in a very efficient manner, after which I presented Bibles to those who had been raised. This Lodge is blessed in the person of W. Bro. A. E. Wilcox with a most efficient and enthusiastic Secretary.

Burlington Lodge, No. 165. November 29th, 1922.

Visited and conducted the election of officers. The Lodge works in harmony and great enthusiasm prevails among the Brethren for the progress of Masonry.

Wentworth Lodge, No. 166. December 4th, 1922.

Visited officially and conducted the election of officers. Harmony prevails and the Lodge flourishes. Wor. Bro. Erland Lee on behalf of Rt. Wor. Bro. Howitt, P.G.C., presented the Lodge with a set of gavels made of wood from Jerusalem.

May 28th, 1923. Again visited the Lodge to witness their work. A First Degree was conferred most impressively and the chair under direction of Wor. Bro. Springstead rendered the musical section splendidly. With officers and work of this type, Masonry must become a power in the community.

Dundurn Lodge, No. 475. December 16th, 1922.

Visited and conducted the election of officers. The election proved how efficient and faithful service will be recognized by the brethren.

This is a flourishing and healthy Lodge. The Lodge has paid out in benevolence more than it has spent in entertainments, a commendable record. Would that other Lodges emulate this example. The Lodge has one of the most up to date orchestras in the district, rendering excellent music and always willing to help other Lodges along. It is the only Lodge which elects every Officer by ballot, even to stewards.

January 18th, 1923. The Lodge has sustained a great loss in the death of Rt. Wor. Bro. G. H. Lanigan who has been its faithful Secretary since its foundation. This place is now taken by Bro. Dunlop who for months has carried on most diligently.

Doric Lodge, No. 382. December 18th, 1922.

Visited and conducted the election of officers. The election was unanimous. The Lodge is prosperous, the work is well done and the finance is in excellent shape. Membership is now over 515. This Lodge does good work and holds its own with any city Lodge. Rt. Wor. Bro. Dr. C. V. Emory, the Secretary, is a pillar of strength to the Ruling Master and the Lodge has but few outstanding dues.

June 26th, 1923. By the passing out of Very Wor. Bro. James Cheyne at the ripe age of 83 the Lodge has sustained a great loss. He was one of the Grand Old Men of Masonry—one of the oldest Masons in the District, never lost his interest in the work to the very last. No brother in this section gave the charge in the N.E. Corner of the Lodge as often and with so much feeling and wonderful impressiveness as he. He was a welcome visitor at every Lodge and his presence will be long remembered and greatly missed. A Brother respected, esteemed and loved, an exemplification of what a true Mason should be.

Seymour Lodge, No. 272, Ancaster. Jan. 2nd, 1923.

Visited and saw the First Degree worked in a creditable manner, there being little to complain of. The Wor. Master W. Bro. Brandon has the interest of the Lodge at heart and is wisely guiding to a more correct and intelligent exemplification of degree work. A most interesting hour was spent in the banquet room.

Dufferin Lodge, No. 291, West Flamboro. Mar. 1st., 1923.

Paid official visit and witnessed the First Degree exemplified in a most creditable manner. While there are a few initiations the Lodge holds its own, membership being same as last year. The brethren have a splendid Lodge room. W. Bro. Curry with many Past Masters

from St. John Lodge accompanied me and spoke encouragingly in the banquet room.

Valley Lodge, No. 100, Dundas. April 9th, 1923.

Made my official visit and saw the First Degree conferred in a creditable manner. The brethren are a little dilatory in paying up dues and the Lodge is very patient in gathering them in. W. Bro. Dalton with Brethren from Dundurn Lodge accompanied me and their splendid orchestra rendered excellent program in the banquet room and was greatly appreciated by all. The membership is now over 300.

Waterdown Lodge, No. 357, Millgrove. April 24th, 1923.

Officially visited and witnessed the exemplification of the Second Degree. The work was well done. The Lodge is holding its own, membership about the same as previous year.

W. Bro. Wallace of Doric Lodge with Rt. Wor. Bros. Jas. Dixon, C. V. Emory, W. Bros. Ewart Dixon and Forth, made interesting speeches at the festive board.

Oakville Lodge, No. 400. May 1st, 1923.

Visited officially and saw the First Degree worked in a most impressive and efficient manner. This Lodge is prosperous and finance is in good shape, only three members being in arrears. An interesting incident was when Wor. Bro. Kaiting, nearly 80 years old gave the charge from the Book of Constitution.

The Wor. Master Dr. Wilkinson is a splendid ritualist and the degree work will necessarily be of high order while the Lodge is in his care.

St. Clair Lodge, No. 135. May 20th, 1923.

Officially visited and saw the officers work a First Degree very creditably. I took the opportunity to talk with some of the incoming officers about the work.

The banquet was a great success. Speeches were made by Judge Elliott, Wor. Bros. E. J. McMartin, J. Forth and others.

Lincoln Lodge, No. 544, Abingdon. May 25th, 1923.

Visited and saw the officers exemplify the Third Degree. The work was splendidly done and the opening and closing of the Lodge in Three Degrees was all that could be desired. There were present also a large number of visitors from Binbrook, Smithville, and Welland Port, and a most enjoyable and pleasant time was spent in the banquet room. The hospitality for so large a gathering in a Country Lodge is beyond words of praise.

In conclusion I desire to express my thanks and appreciation to the brethren who accompanied me on my visits to the rural Lodges. Rt. Wor. Bro. Latshaw, V. Wor. Bro. Temple were constantly in attendance while R. Wor. Bro. Kelly rendered excellent service in contributing some of his interesting instructive, humorous addresses. W. Bro. John Forth never failed to do his bit in making the visits a success.

I am also greatly indebted to Wor. Bros. A. J. Lainchbury, W. J. Robinson, Bros. Will. Laidlaw, Roy Smith, John R. Ellis, Russell Huxtable and Thos. R. Hawkins who placed their cars at my service in carrying brethren into the country.

Lastly to Wor. Bro. David Hawkins who has acted as District Secretary. His zeal for Masonry is unabating, the diligence displayed, the kind, courteous way he has done his work has endeared him to the brethren of the District. He has been ready and willing at all times to co-operate and greatly assisted in making my official year a success.

I have enjoyed my work, been kindly received and courteously entertained, and have every reason to believe my talks on different phases of Masonry, ancient and modern, have been appreciated by the brethren.

Fraternally submitted,

FRANK HILLS, D.D.G.M.,

Hamilton District No. 8.

GEORGIAN DISTRICT No. 9

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:—

I have the honor to submit to you my report on the condition of Masonry in Georgian District No. 9 during the past year.

I desire in the first place to express my sincere thanks to the brethren of the district for the very great honor they have done me in electing me to the important position of District Deputy Grand Master, and to thank them for the courteous and hearty welcome extended to me on all occasions when I had the pleasure of meeting them.

I have endeavored during my term of office to perform my duties in a manner satisfactory to all, and I trust I have in some manner succeeded. I have had the pleasure of visiting all lodges, and find Masonry in this district in a healthy and prosperous condition. Many new members are being added to the craft and I feel sure that the officers and members are exercising proper care in the selection of new members.

The attendance at the meetings was good, even if at some places it was very stormy.

The benefit and instruction I was able to derive from my intercourse with the brethren throughout the district will always be remembered by me as a very pleasant year, and I trust that I may have the pleasure of again meeting the brethren in the years to come.

February 28 I visited Victoria Lodge, No. 470 and I had a very pleasant and profitable meeting. W. Bro. Ken Miller and his officers exemplified a third degree in an able and efficient manner. I had the pleasure of meeting R.W. Bro. E. B. Brown, P.D.D.G.M. Bro. Schiesler is a splendid secretary and has his books in good shape.

Mar. 13. Visited Manito Lodge, No. 90, Collingwood this evening. There was a good attendance of members and visitors present. W. Bro. D. Hughes and officers

worked a third degree in a very able manner. A pleasant part of the evening was when W. Bro. Hughes, father of the W.M. gave part of the work. There was a splendid candidate and this lodge is to be congratulated. R.W. Bro. C. T. Stephens was present and it was a pleasure to meet him again.

Mar. 29. Visited Karnak Lodge, 492, Coldwater. This is one of the youngest lodges in the district and one of the most enthusiastic. They have a specially good attendance at all their meetings. W. Bro. Amos and his staff of officers initiated a good candidate and the work was done in a very able manner. It was a very stormy night, but there was a goodly number of members and visitors present. W. Bro. Millard is an able and efficient Secretary.

April 2. Visited Beaver Lodge, No. 234, Clarksburg when W. Bro. Dillon and his officers exemplified a third degree in a very able manner. I was much surprised to find that W. Bro. Dillon was one of my boyhood chums. R. W. Bro. Dye looks after the interests and work of this lodge in an able manner. W. Bro. Reekie, Secretary, was very ill and W. Bro. Idle was acting Secretary. Since my visit W. Bro. Reekie has passed to the Grand Lodge above and this lodge has lost a very valuable member.

April 3. Visited Pythagoras Lodge, No. 137, Meaford. This was a very pleasant visit. W. Bro. J. N. Marshall and his officers worked a first degree in an almost perfect manner. It was the most perfect working of a first degree that I have ever had the pleasure of witnessing. To R. W. Bro. Wallace I think belongs the credit of training the members of this lodge, and I know that R.W. Bro. Hamil is a strong critic also. This lodge is in a very prosperous condition.

April 5. Visited Corinthian Lodge, No. 96, Barrie, where I had the pleasure of meeting R.W. Bros. Cowan, Smith and Little. W. Bro. W. F. Ronald and a very able staff of officers exemplified a first degree, with full musical ritual in a very able manner. This is one of the large lodges in the district and they are to be congratulated on the excellent material they are initiating into Masonry. They have large and commodious rooms, splendidly

equipped and Masonry is in a flourishing condition.

W. Bro. Felt is a faithful and efficient secretary.

April 6. This evening I visited Orillia Lodge, No. 192, Orillia. The lodge entered upon labor at 4 p.m. when W. Bro. Tudhope and his officers exemplified a first degree with musical ritual in a faultless manner. This is the largest lodge in the district and they are doing excellent work. R.W. Bro. W. H. Tudhope is a tower of strength to the lodge. They have also bought larger and better premises and will have a fine lodge room.

April 23. Visited Caledonian Lodge, No. 249, Midland, when W. Bro. Dudley and his officers worked a third degree with musical ritual in a very able and efficient manner. This lodge is well looked after by R.W. Bro. Kellar, I.P.D.D.G.M., and it is in a very flourishing condition. Again I had the pleasure of seeing the W.M. and his father both taking a part of the work in the East. W. Bro. Thornton makes a very efficient secretary and the books and records are in excellent shape.

April 24. This evening I had the pleasure of visiting Earl Kitchener Lodge, No. 538. Port McNicol. This is the youngest lodge in the district and is doing excellent work considering that many of the members are sailors and are away from home and lodge half of the year. W. Bro. Patterson and his officers exemplified the third degree in a very efficient manner. There were a number of visitors present and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

April 30. Visited Tottenham Lodge, No. 467, Tottenham, this evening. There was a good turnout of members and visitors. There being no candidate ready for a degree, W. Bro. Walkem and officers opened and closed the lodge in the three degrees. A general discussion on the principles of Masonry was gone into, which proved to be a very instructive and a pleasant evening was passed.

May 1. This evening I visited Manitoba Lodge, No. 236, Cookstown. W. Bro. Fletcher and officers worked a first degree in a first class manner. R.W. Bro. McKnight is a very energetic and efficient secretary. He is also a tower of strength to the lodge. There were

many visitors present from the surrounding lodges and altogether a very pleasant and profitable evening was spent. This lodge is in a very prosperous condition.

May 3. Visited Georgian Lodge, No. 348, Penetanguishene, this evening. W. Bro. Spearn and his officers exemplified a first degree in a very impressive manner on a very exceptional candidate. He was one of the best I have had the pleasure of seeing. This lodge is in a good prosperous condition. V.W. Bro. R. D. Keefe is an excellent Secretary and a strong man in the lodge.

May 4. Visited Coronation Lodge, No. 466, Elm-vale, this evening. W. Bro. Black and his officers exemplified a first degree in a very able manner. All the officers of the lodge gave their work in an impressive manner. V.W. Bro. Foster keeps his books in a very efficient manner. This lodge is in a prosperous condition.

May 15. Visited Nitetis Lodge, No. 444, Creemore, this evening and although the night was very wet a goodly number were present. As the candidate could not be present for his degree W. Bro. (Rev.) C. H. McDonald exemplified a third degree on a substitute candidate in a very creditable manner. This was the first time for the W.M. to work the third. W. Bro. (Rev.) Colclough is an efficient secretary. There were five reverend brethren present.

May 16. Visited Northern Light Lodge, No. 266, Stayner, this evening and again encountered very wet weather, raining continuously all day and evening. W. Bro. McDermid and his officers conferred a first degree in a very able manner. Had much pleasure in meeting R.W. Bros. Bethune and Campbell who are very active members of this lodge, which is in a prosperous condition and has a good turnout of members.

May 17. I had the pleasure this evening of visiting Kerr Lodge, No. 230, Barrie, where I again met R.W. Bros. Cowan, Little, Spratt, and Morel. W. Bro. Merrick and his able staff of officers conferred a first degree in a very able manner with full musical ritual. This lodge has a long list of active Past Masters who take an active interest in the work. W. Bro. Duff is an effec-

ient and painstaking secretary, and the records are well kept. Kerr Lodge meets in the same fine rooms as Corinthian and Masonry in Barrie is in a very flourishing condition and I wish again to congratulate the brethren on their prosperous conditions.

May 28. Visited Spry Lodge, No. 385, Beeton. This being my mother lodge I invited R.W. Bro. Thos. McKnight to officiate and I append his report.

Report of R. W. Bro. T. McKnight, P.D.D.G.M. Georgian District No. 9, on the visit of R. W. Bro. Morrow to Spry Lodge, No. 385, Beeton.

On May 28, at the request of R.W. Bro. Morrow, D.D.G.M. I visited Spry Lodge, No. 385, Beeton, this being the mother lodge of R.W. Bro. Morrow. A second degree was exemplified in a very accurate and impressive manner by Bro. W. King, assisted by his officers. Every officer has his work well in hand and this lodge is to be congratulated on having such an efficient staff, which no doubt is due to the deep interest R.W. Bro. Morrow has taken in this lodge for many years.

(Signed) THOS. MCKNIGHT, P.D.D.G.M.

May 29. Had the pleasure of visiting Minerva Lodge, No. 304, Stroud, this evening. W. Bro. Latimer and his able staff of officers conferred a first degree in a very able and impressive manner. The lodge room was small and very much crowded by a very enthusiastic number of members and visitors. There were visitors present from nine lodges. I am glad to report that the members of this lodge are building a new and commodious lodge room and banquet hall. When this is completed they will have ample quarters for the many visitors who are always present to partake of the bounteous repasts put on by the brethren of Minerva Lodge.

June 7. I had the pleasure of visiting Seven Star Lodge No. 385, Alliston, this evening. W. Bro. Hand and an able staff of officers conferred the first degree in a very able manner. The musical ritual always appeals to me. It is a very beautiful ceremony. The brethren

of Seven Star Lodge are to be congratulated on the very fine lodge room which they have and on the way they do their work. W. Bro. Caesar is a very efficient secretary and the records are in good hands with him.

In conclusion I again thank the brethren for the honor they conferred on me and my mother lodge in electing me as their D.D.G.M. for the past year. The work has been most enjoyable and I have found that the work in this district is very harmonious and uniform. On all sides and on every occasion I have been the recipient of many kindnesses and courtesies, which I accepted not only as tokens of esteem personally, but as expressions of loyalty and love to the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and to Grand Lodge, whom I have had the honor to represent.

Fraternally submitted,

D. S. MORROW, D.D.G.M.

Georgian District No. 9.

NIAGARA DISTRICT No. 10

To the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:—

I beg to submit for your consideration my report in connection with Niagara Masonic District No. 10, for the year ending June 24th, 1923, and in doing so I wish to express to the Brethren of the District my very sincere appreciation of the confidence they entrusted me with in selecting me as their representative for the year just closed. I hesitated to accept the responsible office, but due to the assistance rendered me by my predecessor, and other distinguished brethren, and also to the courtesy extended me by the brethren of the district everywhere, it has been a great pleasure to me personally to have acted as District Deputy Grand Master, notwithstanding the fact that my duties were very arduous at times.

There are now twenty-five lodges in Niagara District, four new lodges having been instituted during the year, and I am gratified to be able to report that on the whole Masonry in Niagara District is in a very healthy condition, although in a few localities the brethren seem to have put aside that spirit of fraternal fellowship which should at all times be a characteristic of each brother, and they have become divided among themselves. In practically all cases where this condition exists their differences are of a trivial nature, and chiefly due to misunderstanding and a lack of closer fellowship one with the other. In my humble capacity I have tried to point out to the brethren the things that are really worth while, pleading for a better spirit of tolerance, and this to me appears to be the solution of existing conditions so that we might profit most from the wonderful privileges which are ours, and make the Masonic Order what it was intended it should be (exclusive of the Church) the greatest institution on earth, having as its ideals reverence for the laws of the Creator, and the good of mankind, and I appreciate most sincerely the fact that the brethren everywhere have listened to me respectfully, and accepted my appeals in the spirit of good fellowship with which they were made.

My first official duty was to institute Dominion Lodge at Ridgeway on October 26th, 1922. I was assisted by P.D.D.G.M. J. C. Lymburner, and Wm. C. Tait, and the chairs were occupied by Past Masters of the lodges at Bridgeburg and Port Colborne. This lodge has secured very comfortable quarters, which are nicely furnished and equipped. The officers of the lodge were duly installed, and the lodge shows every prospect of making a healthy advancement.

Following the Institution Ceremonies a banquet was tendered and interesting addresses were made by Rt. Wor. Bros. Lymburner and Tait, also Wor. Bro. Laur and several visiting brethren.

There were many visiting brethren present from Bridgeburg, Niagara Falls, Chippawa, Port Colborne, and other points.

On February 1st, 1923, I paid my official visit to Dominion Lodge. Wor. Bro. Laur and his officers conferred the Second Degree upon a candidate and the work was done very creditably. The lodge has added a considerable number to its membership since being instituted, and I feel sure that the said lodge will fill an important place in the District after having been disbanded for so many years.

My next official duty was to institute Adanac Lodge at Merritton on October 30th, 1922. In this ceremony I was assisted by Rt. Wor. Bro. Lymburner, and the chairs were occupied by Past Masters from Thorold, St. Catharines, and Niagara Falls Lodges, many visiting brethren being present for the occasion. This lodge have secured and furnished very attractive quarters, and although small, I have confidence that with the enthusiasm already displayed by the brethren, it will not be long until more commodious quarters are secured.

I paid my official visit to Adanac Lodge on March 1st, 1923. Owing to the illness of the Master, Wor. Bro. Gibson, the chair in the East was occupied by Wor. Bro. O'Connor of Mountain Lodge, Thorold, and several Past Masters from Mountain Lodge assisted with the work of the evening. The First Degree was conferred upon a candidate, and all the work was done exceedingly

well. The charge in the South was delivered exceptionally well by the Jr. Warden, as was also the charge from the Book of Constitution by Wor. Bro. Wheeler of Mountain Lodge, Thorold.

Following the work of the evening a banquet was served in the Merritton Hotel, and a very enjoyable time was spent. Wor. Bro. Mawdsley of Mountain Lodge acted as toastmaster, and short addresses were made by several members of the lodge, and a number of visiting brethren. Altogether it was one of the best meetings of the year.

On November 8th, 1922, I paid my official visit to Amity Lodge, No. 32, Dunnville. This is one of the oldest lodges, not only in Niagara District, but in the Ontario Jurisdiction of Grand Lodge.

I was received very cordially by the officers and brethren. The First Degree was conferred upon a candidate in a very creditably manner by Wor. Bro. Richards and officers, assisted by a number of Past Masters.

The Secretary, Wor. Bro. John Clark, is a very efficient officer, and his books and records are well kept, and he reports dues all paid up.

Following the work of the evening the brethren enjoyed a banquet, during which interesting addresses were delivered by Bros. (Rev.) A. G. Emmett, Wor. Bros. Richards, Clark, Appleyard, and Col. Massie.

My next official duty was to institute Perfection Lodge, St. Catharines, on November 13th, 1922. Perhaps no part of my duties gave me more pleasure and certainly none will be so greatly cherished as that I should have been privileged to have charge of the instituting of this lodge. Might I be permitted to add that it has never been my privilege to meet a finer body of men than the brethren forming the charter members of this lodge. I shall expect great things in the future from Perfection Lodge, and I am confident that I shall not be disappointed.

Wor. Bro. Inksater was Director of Ceremonies, and the Chairs were occupied by Past Masters of the various St. Catharines Lodges, and I was assisted by Past D.D.G.M. McLean, Herod and Lymburner.

On May 14th, 1923, I paid my official visit to Perfection Lodge. Wor. Bro. R. L. Dunn and his officers exemplified the First Degree in a very efficient and dignified manner, and I cannot speak too highly of their work.

My next official visit was made to Union Lodge, No. 7, Grimsby, one of the oldest and most interesting lodges of the District. I was introduced by Rt. Wor. Bro. W. J. Drope, Deputy Grand Master, and received a warm welcome from the brethren. Upon entering the lodge I was immediately impressed with the beauty of the lodge room and its furnishings, which must be seen to be appreciated, and the brethren are to be congratulated on providing such a beautiful home. In connection with the lodge room there is a large banquet room, ante and cloak rooms, etc., which would do credit to the lodges in the larger cities.

The work of the evening was the First Degree, which was put on in a very creditable manner by Wor. Bro. Carpenter, and his officers, assisted by a number of Past Masters, including Rt. Wor. Bro. W. J. Drope. The Rt. Wor. Bro. delivered the charge from the Book of Constitution to the candidate, and I wish to state that I have never heard the charge delivered more effectively.

Following the work in the lodge a splendid banquet was tendered the brethren, at which addresses were given by Rt. Wor. Bro. Drope, Wor. Bro. Carpenter, and several other Past Masters.

My next official visit was Coronation Lodge, No. 502, Smithville, on December 4th, 1922. Owing to the candidate for the evening being unable to attend there was no work, but the officers opened and closed the lodge in a very creditable manner.

I was received in a very cordial spirit by the brethren of this lodge, and the inspiration I received upon this visit helped me greatly during the balance of my visits. Altogether it was one of the best meetings during the year.

My next official visit was St. George's Lodge, No. 15 at St. Catharines, Ontario, on December 12th, 1922. I

was introduced by Wor. Bro. Geo. H. Ruddle, and received very cordially by the brethren, there being a large number present, including many visitors. Wor. Bro. Frank E. Moore and his officers exemplified the First Degree in a very creditable manner, and I congratulated the officers on their efficiency. I was also pleased to see so many Past Masters taking part in the work.

On January 16th, 1923, Fort Erie Lodge, Fort Erie, was instituted. Owing to illness I was unable to take charge of this ceremony, and Rt. Wor. Bro. J. C. Lymburner, P.D.D.G.M., kindly took charge of the ceremony. Right here I should like to add that Rt. Wor. Bro. Lymburner has been exceedingly kind in assisting me in every way possible during the year, and I feel very grateful to him for his many kindnesses.

I paid my official visit to Fort Erie Lodge on May 15th, 1923, I was received very heartily by the brethren. Wor. Bro. Wilson and his officers conferred the Second Degree on a candidate in a very capable manner.

The officers and members of this lodge have provided a very comfortable lodge room, which is splendidly furnished, and I feel quite confident regarding the future of this lodge.

My next official visit was Merritt Lodge, No. 168, Welland, on January 29th, 1923. This was one of the pleasures of my term of office.

I was introduced by Rt. Wor. Bros. Crowe and Cahoe, and received a very hearty welcome from the brethren. There being a large gathering present including many visitors. Wor. Bro. Smith and his officers assisted by several Past Masters conferred the First Degree upon a candidate in a very creditable manner. Wor. Bro. Smith is an earnest and enthusiastic Master, and both he and his officers demonstrated clearly that they have the good of the Craft at heart.

This visit was a great inspiration to me, and if the brethren enjoyed it as much as I did personally I shall be exceedingly thankful.

My next official visit was Phoenix Lodge, No. 535, Font Hill on February 5th, 1923. I was introduced by

Wor. Bro. J. C. Sloat, and received very cordially by the brethren. There was no work for the evening unfortunately, and also owing to the epidemic of sickness prevailing at the time several of the officers were absent. However, Wor. Bro. Barron and his officers opened and closed the lodge in the various degrees in a very creditable manner.

My next official visit was Mountain Lodge, No. 221, Thorold, on February 8th, 1923. I was introduced by V. Wor. Bro. Dinwoodie and Wor. Bro. O'Connor, and received a hearty welcome from the brethren. If there is any locality in the District where the real spirit of Masonry prevails among the brethren it is perhaps Thorold, and in making this statement I know I shall not be accused of discriminating. The brethren of Mountain Lodge are apparently all enthusiastic Masons, and a spirit of good fellowship exists among them, which is sadly lacking among the brethren of some other lodges in the district. The brethren have provided an elegant club-room in connection with the lodge, which is a great help in keeping the brethren in closer association one with the other.

Wor. Bro. Mawdesley and his officers assisted by a number of Past Masters conferred the first degree on a candidate and they did it exceedingly well.

My visit to this lodge was so pleasant that I shall always cherish it as one of the bright events in my year as D.D.G.M.

Wor. Bro. Mable, secretary, has his books and records in good shape, and reports the finances of the lodge in a satisfactory condition.

My next official visit was St. Marks Lodge, No. 105, Niagara Falls, on February 13th, 1923. I was introduced by Rt. Wor. Bro. Didemus, and Wor. Bro. Stringer, and was received very cordially by the brethren. Wor. Bro. Pretty and his officers assisted by several Past Masters conferred the Third Degree on a candidate, and the work was done exceedingly well.

My next official visit was Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 103, St. Catharines, on February 22nd, 1923. I was introduced by Wor. Bro. S. J. Inksater, and Rt. Wor. Bro.

Johnson, and was received very cordially by the brethren. Wor. Bro. Crawford and his officers assisted by several Past Masters conferred the First Degree upon a candidate in a most creditable manner, and I took occasion to congratulate Wor. Bro. Crawford on the efficiency of himself and other officers of the lodge. Secretary Johnson has his books and records in excellent shape, and reports finances of the lodge in a satisfactory condition.

My next official visit was Myrtle Lodge, No. 337, Port Robinson, on February 27th, 1923. I was introduced by Rt. Wor. Bro. Ross, and Wor. Bro. Clark, and the brethren extended me a very hearty welcome. Wor. Bro. Wilson and his officers assisted by a number of Past Masters conferred the First Degree upon a candidate, and all the work was done efficiently.

Rt. Wor. Bro. Ross is a very capable secretary and his books and records in good shape, and reports finances satisfactory.

My next official visit was Palmer Lodge, No. 372, Bridgeburg, on March 6th, 1923. I was introduced by Rt. Wor. Bro. Tait, and Wor. Bro. Watts, and received a hearty welcome from the brethren. Wor. Bro. Yeo and his officers conferred the First Degree upon a candidate, and the work was all done exceedingly well. V. Wor. Bro. Graham, Secretary of the lodge, is a most capable and courteous officer, and has his records in excellent shape, and reports the lodge's finances in a satisfactory condition.

Unfortunately the lodge room is much too small for the comfort of the brethren, but I understand immediate steps are being taken to provide a more comfortable home for the brethren.

My next official visit was McNab Lodge, No. 169, Port Colborne, March 13th, 1923. I was introduced by Wor. Bros. W. E. Kitcher and L. Smith, and received very cordially by the brethren. Wor. Bro. Furry and his officers assisted by Past Masters Smith, Kitcher, McCracken, and Kinnear, conferred the Third Degree upon a candidate in a very creditable manner. Wor. Bro. Burt, the secretary, has his books and records in good order, and reports dues well paid up. At the close

of the work of the evening the brethren enjoyed a very interesting address by Wor. Bro. Kinnear. Short addresses were also made by Wor. Bros. Lew Smith, Burt, McCracken, and Howell.

My next official visit was Adoniram Lodge, No. 573, Niagara Falls, March 19th, 1923. I was received very kindly by the brethren, there being a large representation present, including many visiting brethren. Wor. Bro. French and his officers assisted by a number of Past Masters conferred the Third Degree upon a candidate, and they did the work exceedingly well. This lodge is composed of a very fine body of men and they are establishing a very creditable record for Masonry in Niagara District.

During the evening I was asked by the Wor. Master to perform a very pleasant duty in presenting Wor. Bro. Stringer with a handsome Past Master's Apron. Wor. Bro. Stringer was the first Master of Adoniram Lodge. He was taken entirely by surprise, and thanked the brethren very feelingly for their gift.

Wor. Bro. Little, is a very efficient secretary and his books and records are in excellent order, and he reports the Lodge's finances in a satisfactory condition.

At the close of the work in the lodge the brethren enjoyed a banquet, at which Wor. Bro. French presided, and a good musical program was provided, and interesting addresses were delivered by several brethren of the lodge, and a number of visiting brethren.

My next official visit was Dufferin Lodge, No. 338, Wellandport, March 27th, 1923. I was received very cordially by the brethren. Notwithstanding very unfavorable weather conditions there was a fairly good number present. Unfortunately there was no work for the evening, but the Wor. Master and his officers opened and closed the lodge in the various degrees, and proved that they were well skilled.

A very pleasant feature of the evening was the presentation by the lodge of canes to the three oldest members of the lodge.

My next official visit was King Edward VII Lodge, No. 471, Chippawa, April 4th, 1923. I was introduced by Rt. Wor. Bro. Brown, and received a hearty welcome from the brethren. There was no work for the evening, but Wor. Bro. Davidson and his officers opened and closed the lodge in the various degrees, and proved that they were well skilled in the work.

My next official visit was Copestone Lodge, No. 373, Welland, April 5th, 1923. I was introduced by Rt. Wor. Bro. Pettit, and received a hearty welcome from the brethren. Wor. Bro. Ort and his officers conferred the First Degree upon a candidate, and they performed this work very well.

Wor. Bro. Main is a very capable and careful secretary, his records are well kept, and he reports the finances in good condition.

My next official visit was Seymour Lodge, No. 277, Port Dalhousie, April 11th, 1923. I received a very cordial welcome from the brethren. Wor. Bro. Longhurst and his officers conferred the First Degree upon a candidate, and they did the work very well indeed.

Unfortunately the lodge room is quite small, and I understand it is a very difficult matter to secure larger quarters, and this has caused, and is causing the brethren much concern.

My next official visit was Temple Lodge, No. 296, St. Catharines, April 18th, 1923. I was introduced by Rt. Wor. Bro. McLean, and received a hearty welcome from the brethren. Wor. Bro. Butler and his officers, assisted by several Past Masters, conferred the First Degree upon a candidate, and the work was done exceedingly well in every respect. The musical part of the ceremony was very fine also, and this is characteristic of all the lodges in St. Catharines.

The good fellowship among members of the Craft in St. Catharines is very marked, and very refreshing to note, and I trust the brethren will continue to cultivate this fraternal spirit.

My next official visit was Ivy Lodge, No. 115, Beamsville, April 24th, 1923. Probably no visit during my term of office gave me more pleasure, and inspiration than my visit to this lodge. I was introduced by V. Wor. Bro. Prudhome and Fairweather, and the brethren gave me a very hearty welcome. The lodge room is large, comfortable, and is well furnished, and the brethren deserve much credit for the pride they take in making the lodge room attractive. There was a large number present, including many visitors. Wor. Bro. Robertson and his officers, assisted by several Past Masters, conferred the First Degree upon a candidate in a very efficient manner, and I can say that I have never seen this degree worked better. The Masonic Choir from Stoney Creek was present, and had charge of the musical part of the ceremony, and too much cannot be said in their praise.

My next official visit was Clifton Lodge, No. 254, Niagara Falls, May 3rd, 1923. I was introduced by Rt. Wor. Bro. Lymburner, and received a cordial welcome from the brethren. Owing to the lateness of the season, the fine weather, and other attractions, the attendance was not as large as I should have liked, nevertheless, the meeting was a very enthusiastic one. Wor. Bro. Smith and his officers conferred the First Degree upon a candidate, and the work was done exceedingly well. Rt. Wor. Bro. Warren is a capable secretary, and his books and records are in good order, and he reports the lodges finances satisfactory.

My next and last official visit was paid to that grand old historic lodge Niagara No. 2, Niagara on the Lake, May 30th, 1923. I was introduced by Wor. Bro. C. W. Inksater, and Bro. R. Reid, and received a very hearty welcome from the brethren, among whom were a large number of visitors from St. Catharines, Welland, Port Colborne, Beamsville, Fonthill, and other lodges. Wor. Bro. Quinn and his officers conferred the First Degree upon a candidate, and the work was done exceptionally well.

The speaker of the evening was the Ven. Arch-deacon Perry of Welland, who delivered a most able

address on the British Empire, and the brethren took occasion to show their appreciation of the Archdeacon's address by tendering him a sincere and hearty vote of thanks. I have been most fortunate in having Archdeacon Perry present on several of my visits, and on each occasion he has had an inspiring message for the brethren.

My visit to Old Niagara was one of the most delightful of my many visits, and I look forward with pleasure to visiting this lodge on many future occasions.

I want to take this opportunity of thanking Wor. Bro. Augustine, Kinnear, Tuck, Burt, Cuthbert, Hicks, and Carter for their kindness in accompanying me on many occasions, which added greatly to the pleasure of my duties.

Finally, I again desire to thank the brethren of Niagara District for their many kindnesses and courtesies shown me at all times. To have visited with and met so many of the brethren in the District has been a great privilege and pleasure to me personally, and my association with the brethren as their D.D.G.M. shall be cherished always. May I hope that you will be as kind to my successor as you have been to me.

Fraternally submitted,

W. F. FAWCETT, D.D.G.M.,

Niagara District No. 10.

TORONTO WEST DISTRICT, No. 11

To the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master, Officers and
Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of
Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:—

With the close of this Masonic year and in accordance with my duty as D.D.G.M. I beg to submit the report for the Eleventh Masonic District.

My first official act was the appointment of W. Bro. P. N. Knight of True Blue Lodge to be District Chaplain and W. Bro. W. J. Dunlop of University Lodge to be District Secretary. While the duties of the District Chaplain were not particularly arduous, the position of District Secretary in so large a district is no sinecure, and I am deeply indebted and intensely grateful to him for his valuable assistance and support. His genial personality and buoyant disposition accomplished much toward making my year one of pleasure and delight.

It has been my good fortune to have been able to visit each lodge officially on a regular night. I have also visited most of the lodges once or more in an informal way. To me it is a source of much satisfaction to find how uniformly and efficiently the ritualistic work is exemplified. Not only is every Master able to work the three degrees but all are supported by capable and zealous assistant officers.

The District Secretary reports that the books and records of the lodges are well and carefully kept, that the calls of benevolence are not overlooked, and that the finances of the lodges are for the most part in a very satisfactory condition. The lodges are well served by their secretaries who are a most painstaking and loyal body of men and Masons.

Unfortunately, I cannot say with many of my predecessors that all has been peace and harmony during the year. A few unpleasant incidents have arisen and in dealing with these I have endeavoured to show that Masonic charity which I trust may be accorded to me in my own deficiencies. While I have thoroughly enjoyed the work, it has been sufficiently strenuous to convince

me that the time has arrived for a redistribution of the Toronto Districts.

In Toronto West District, No. 11, the largest District in the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario, with thirty-six lodges and more than 9,000 members, Masonry is in a very flourishing condition. To visit and inspect these Lodges would be a tremendous task were it not such an unalloyed pleasure that labour is forgotten in the joy of fraternal fellowship with the noble and enthusiastic brethren who uphold so well the tenets and principles of Ancient Freemasonry in this District.

Each lodge has its own individuality, its own excellences. To describe all in detail would be impossible; to mention a few may not be considered inappropriate. Zeta Lodge, No. 410, comes unquestionably first in the District in the work of benevolence. On charitable objects Zeta Lodge expends more than for all other purposes combined and in this respect it is worthy of the highest praise and of universal emulation. Mount Sinai Lodge is, and has been, noteworthy for the remarkable attention given to benevolence and for the wonderful results accomplished. Kilwinning Lodge is young but exceedingly diligent in assisting those who are in need. This year a large sum has been expended by Kilwinning in lightening the burden of some who were in straightened circumstances and the expenditure has been almost entirely outside of the Lodge, nor has it been confined to Ontario Masons and their dependents but has been bestowed on widows and children of Masons from other jurisdictions. University Lodge, No. 496, composed largely of men engaged in educational pursuits, makes the education of the children of its deceased members its first care. As carried out by this Lodge, the care of these children is not expensive but is none the less highly valuable. Educational specialists, members of the lodge, visit these children in their schools, consult with principals, teachers, and mothers, advise and admonish as may be necessary, encourage good reading, provide tutors when required; in brief, try to fill, in an educational way, the place left vacant by the father. The Lodge's Committee on Education undertakes also to perform for other lodges or for individual Masons the same educa-

tional service that it renders to the children under its own direct care.

Interesting it has been during the year to study the characteristics of the Masters of the various lodges and to attempt to frame a list of the essential attributes of the ideal Master. Some are aggressive, forceful, strong in executive power; others, though they know their work well, are inclined to overlook the importance of the time-element in the conduct of the work of the lodge and of the banquet that follows. To waste time, even two or three minutes, in the early part of the evening means an unnecessary prolongation of the meeting when minutes are scarce as midnight approaches. Some Masters are absolutely punctual; others have not learned that punctuality is a real virtue. How much preferable it is to close the refreshment hour in good time before the brethren, anxious regarding the morrow's work, begin in noticeably large numbers to filter out, than to call on speaker after speaker who must address a depleted and a weary but loyal few who remain to the end. The ideal Master knows his ritualistic work, knows how to deal wisely and tactfully with every awkward situation that arises, but he must also know how to conduct his lodge, in labour and in refreshment, so that the interest never for a moment flags and so that absolutely no time is lost. To do all this requires careful preparation, executive ability of a high order and innate power.

It is important that Masons, especially those who hold office, should frequently visit lodges other than their own. In no other way can they so well correct their own errors and learn to do their work smoothly and effectively. It is thus that Masonic "technique" is acquired. To realize the importance of visiting it is only necessary to see the work of a lodge whose officers have not watched the work in other lodges. Cohesion in a Masonic District is most desirable and cohesion is produced by inter-visiting. So admirable is the cohesion and the feelings of unity in this District that I have sometimes thought that the thirty-six lodges really constitute one immense lodge with thirty-six co-ordinate Masters.

Loyalty to the King and the Empire, to Canada, to the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge, to the District

and its constituent lodges are so fundamentally characteristic of the Masons of Toronto West District that any Mason may well be proud to have the supervision of the District for the one brief year that falls to the lot of the District Deputy Grand Master.

Institutions

During the year only one new Lodge was granted a dispensation in this District. On the evening of February 28th Runnymede Lodge was instituted under very favourable auspices. A large gathering of Masons attended the ceremony in the conduct of which I was assisted by R.W. Bros. A. J. Anderson, R. B. Dargavel, Thos. Forsyth, E. Bull; V.W. Bros. W. J. Radford, C. H. C. Wright, A. G. A. Nelson and many other past Grand Lodge officers. The first W.M., W. Bro. Alex. Chisholm, is supported by well skilled officers and Past Masters. About sixty charter members signed the application and attended the institution. A successful future seems to be assured for this Lodge.

Visitations

True Blue Lodge, No. 98, Bolton. My official visit to this, the oldest lodge in the District, took place on October 6th, 1922, and was the first of my official visits after assuming the office of D.D.G.M. To my disappointment R.W. Bro. R. B. Dargavel who was to have accompanied me on this occasion was prevented by illness from doing so, but some twenty-five brethren from Toronto Lodges motored to Bolton for the visit; several visitors were present also from Peel Lodge, Caledon East. To me particular interest attached to this visit because nineteen years ago I became an affiliated member of True Blue Lodge and in 1906 I was its Master. My brethren in the lodge seemed to feel the same especial interest in the visit because they took occasion to emphasize my relation to this lodge by presenting me with a handsome Past Master's jewel and by congratulating me on being the first member of this ancient lodge to be elected or appointed to a Grand Lodge office in the sixty-five years of its existence. The fellowcraft degree was conferred in an acceptable manner by W. Bro. N. S. Courtney and his officers.

Though the membership of this lodge is small, True Blue is now in a prosperous condition and owns, free of debt, a very comfortable and an unusually beautiful lodge room; its books and records are carefully and accurately kept; several of its Past Masters, notably the treasurer, W. Bro. Leavens, the secretary, W. Bro. Lockwood, and W. Bro. Norton, take an active interest in its work; and, as evidenced at the banquet table on this occasion, peace, harmony, and optimism reign among its members.

Ionic Lodge, No. 229, Brampton. My official inspection of Ionic Lodge was held on April 17th, 1923. I was kindly received by W. Bro. T. W. Fereday, the W.M. who conferred the E. A. degree in a most perfect and unostentatious manner. The Senior Warden was unavoidably absent but the other officers, without any exception, proved themselves well skilled in their respective stations. The Junior Warden in particular received some well deserved praise for the excellence of his work. This lodge owns and occupies a very commodious and well equipped building and is enjoying a steady growth in membership. The present status of this lodge is very satisfactory and the future is indeed hopeful and bright.

Humber Lodge, No. 305, Weston. On October 27th, 1922, I attended this lodge for my official inspection and was honoured by the presence of a large number of members and visitors. The work for the evening was the fellowcraft degree and it was a pleasure to me to be able to congratulate W. Bro. A. E. Scythes, his efficient officers and his loyal Past Masters, on the very able manner in which the degree was conferred. The candidate impressed those present with the thoroughness of his preparation for advancement. The books and records of the lodge were found to be in excellent condition. Humber Lodge is flourishing; a good deal of money is being expended for benevolence; and a building fund of considerable proportions has already been provided. This fund will, I trust, soon be utilized, as better quarters are urgently required.

Blackwood Lodge, No. 311, Woodbridge. On November 3rd, 1922, I visited this Lodge informally when the M.M. degree was conferred, and the regular

election of officers took place. My official inspection was held on the evening of April 27th, 1923. I was introduced by V.W. Bro. Smith and cordially welcomed by W. Bro. Geo. W. Shore, the W.M. The work of the evening was the E.A. degree which was conferred in an almost faultless manner. The W.M. and his officers evinced a thorough preparation and careful training in their work. This Lodge has not during recent years increased in membership to the extent that might naturally have been expected but from the enthusiasm displayed at this meeting I am led to hope they are on the threshold of renewed vigour and growth. While the lodge room is not large, it is comfortable and well-equipped and is owned free of debt by the Lodge.

Occident Lodge, No. 346, Toronto. This lodge was visited officially on the evening of March 21st, 1923. The E. A. degree was conferred by W. Bro. S. C. Butler, assisted by competent officers and Past Masters of whom many were in attendance. This lodge displays a vigour and a vitality most gratifying; the attendance is excellent and the attention given to the work is particularly noticeable. I had also the pleasure of visiting this lodge at the September meeting, accompanied by R.W. Bro. Percy Lee, and was again present and took part in the installation of officers in December.

River Park Lodge, No. 356, Streetsville. I visited this lodge informally on October 3rd, 1922, and with several other visitors spent a pleasant evening enjoying both the ritualistic and social portions of the program. My visit of inspection was held on May 29th, 1923, and marked the end of my list of thirty-six official visits. The first degree was conferred by the W.M., W. Bro. H. W. Gerhart, and his officers in an acceptable manner; the Junior Warden's lecture and the Past Master's charge were delivered in very commendable fashion. The regular attendance and loyal support given by the Past Masters of the Lodge is an undoubted evidence of the good work that has been and is still being done by this lodge.

St. George Lodge, No. 367, Toronto. My official inspection of this good and substantial lodge took place on Friday, February 2, 1923. Although the W.M., W. Bro. S. G. Newdick, was suffering from a severe cold

the work of the first degree was carried through in an exemplary manner. The W.M. is fortunate in having the loyal and active support of many Past Masters a number of whom are also Past Grand Lodge officers. The junior officers without any exception did their work with remarkable skill and precision which augurs well for the future of this lodge.

Mimico Lodge, No. 369, Lambton Mills. I attended this lodge for official inspection on the evening of April 24th, 1923, accompanied by W. Bro. D. G. Roy, who substituted as District Secretary. I was cordially received by W. Bro. J. G. Cheyne, the W.M. The work of the evening was the E. A. degree which was conferred with such a degree of excellence as fully to maintain the high standard established by this lodge. The W. M. proved himself a most capable ritualist and an efficient officer; he has the loyal support of a goodly array of Past Masters, as well as competent junior officers. This lodge has made substantial progress during recent years and the members are regular in their attendance. During the year the veteran Chaplain of the Lodge, W. Bro. Thos. Tier, has been called to the Grand Lodge above after many years of faithful service. The finances of the Lodge are satisfactory. They own their very complete quarters and are meeting all obligations promptly.

Alpha Lodge, No. 384, Toronto. On the invitation of the W.M., I visited this lodge informally on November 2nd. The officers and members of Ozias Lodge of Brantford who were present as guests conferred the E. A. degree, and R. W. Bro. G. H. Ryerson, D.D.G.M. of District No. 23, was in attendance with the visitors. A particularly pleasant evening was spent. My official inspection took place on March 1st. The E. A. degree was conferred by the W.M., W. Bro. F. L. Delong, in most commendable fashion. He is fortunate in having an unusually energetic staff of officers and Past Masters to assist him in the work of this, the largest lodge in the district. V.W. Bro. C. H. C. Wright accompanied me on this visit, owing to the illness of W. Bro. Dunlop, and inspected the books of the lodge which are well looked after by their veteran secretary, V.W. Bro. E. J. Voss. This meeting was well attended, as I believe are all the regular meetings of this lodge.

Zeta Lodge, No. 410, Toronto. This lodge has not grown in membership during the past year, but, as I have already pointed out in the introduction to my report they have upheld and practised in an eminent degree those Masonic teachings of benevolence and charity. I visited this lodge and assisted in the installation of its officers on the night of December 22nd, 1922. My official inspection took place on February 23rd, 1923, when W. Bro. E. L. Ackerman conferred the first degree in a commendable manner, assisted by a most earnest and efficient staff of officers and Past Masters. We were all delighted with the able address given by Bro. Rev. A. D. Robb, who took as his subject "Abraham Lincoln."

Stanley Lodge, No. 426, Toronto. During the year I had the privilege of visiting this lodge a number of times and was always received with marked cordiality. On the evening of April 3rd, I inspected the work of W. Bro. W. J. Gordon and his officers in the third degree. In this lodge the ritualistic as well as the executive work is done in a most earnest and diligent way. The W.M. and his Past Masters shirk no responsibility and the secretary has given many years of faithful and efficient service which is reflected in the strong position the lodge occupies to-day, and also in the number of vigorous lodges which have had their origin from Stanley Lodge.

Peel Lodge, No. 463, Caledon East. I paid my official visit of inspection to this lodge on May 25th, 1923. The E. A. degree was exemplified by the W.M., W. Bro. Wiggins, in a most impressive manner. The W.M. is supported by a youthful staff of officers who are exuberant in their enthusiasm and in no wise lacking in skill. The number of well versed Past Masters who are regular in their attendance give evidence of the good work being done in this outpost of the District. On this occasion Peel Lodge entertained many visitors from Stanley, Temple, Fidelity, and Transportation Lodges of Toronto, as well as Mimico and True Blue from the neighboring District.

Victoria Lodge, No. 474, Toronto. I first visited this Lodge on the night of their election of officers, November 21st, 1922. My official inspection was held on Tuesday, February 20th, 1923, when the E. A. degree

was conferred on an exceptionally attentive candidate by W. Bro. Geo. H. Boyd, the W.M. The work in this Lodge is done with a preciseness and dignity which has earned for it a reputation for excellent work. The large number of Past Masters present marked the sustained interest taken by the officers in the welfare of the Lodge. This lodge recently suffered a severe loss in the death of their efficient secretary, V.W. Bro. Geo. H. Cooper.

University Lodge, No. 496, Toronto. A lodge composed exclusively of University trained men is naturally looked upon by the other Lodges in its District as one in which the work should be of a particularly high order and, indeed, it has become a tradition in University Lodge that, on the night of official inspection, the degree must be conferred in such faultless fashion as to render it impossible for the District Deputy Grand Master to express any adverse criticism whatever. This tradition was well maintained on the occasion of my official visit on February 14th when W. Bro. Hyndman Irwin, with his officers and Past Masters, carried out his duties with that calm dignity and unassuming effectiveness which characterizes all the activities of this Lodge. The unique educational scheme initiated and carried on by University Lodge has already been referred to; its systematic benevolence is also worthy of note. The regular meetings of this lodge are scheduled to close invariably at 11.30 p.m. and, knowing this, the members remain to a man until the Junior Warden's toast is honoured. The "big night" of this year in University Lodge was the regular meeting of March 14th when the Grand Master was made an honorary member for life with full privileges. It has been my pleasure during the year to attend almost all the regular meetings and several of the emergent meetings of this lodge. During my year University Lodge lost by death its honoured Chaplain, Bro. (Professor) H. J. Crawford, who had wielded great influence in the educational life of the Province.

Connaught Lodge, No. 501, Mimico. I visited this lodge informally on September 14th, 1922. The M.M. degree was conferred by the Past Masters of the lodge in a most impressive manner. The speaker of the evening, R. W. Bro. Dargavel, delivered one of his delightful discourses on Freemasonry at the banquet following.

My official visit took place at the regular meeting, May 10th, 1923. The W.M., W. Bro. Percy Weise, is fortunate in having competent officers and many well skilled and enthusiastic Past Masters to support him in the work. The F. C. degree was conferred in such a manner as to earn the praise and approval of all present. The lodge is to be particularly congratulated on the very convenient and suitable building they own and occupy and the executive and financial affairs of the lodge are looked after in a manner not surpassed by any lodge in the district.

Parkdale Lodge, No. 510, Toronto. I visited this lodge on February 9th, 1923. This was the first regular meeting conducted by W. Bro. E. A. Peaker who conferred the first degree in exemplary fashion. The lodge has had a steady and satisfactory growth during the ten years of its existence and is fully maintaining the dignity and importance of the Order in that section of the city.

Mount Sinai Lodge, No. 522, Toronto. This lodge was honoured by a fraternal visit from the M. W., the Grand Master, at their regular meeting in October and it was my good fortune to be included among the many Grand Lodge officers who were present. A most delightful evening was spent. On Tuesday, March 13th, I paid my official visit, when I was introduced by W. Bro. Greenberg in his usual happy way and was cordially received by the W.M., W. Bro. Louis M. Singer. The E. A. degree was conferred in a satisfactory way by the W.M. Efficient assistant officers and Past Masters ably supported the W.M. The Junior Warden's lecture was given in a manner which earned well-deserved praise. The members of the lodge joined heartily in the musical part of the ritual.

Mississauga Lodge, No. 524, Port Credit. On the evening of April 12th, 1923, I officially visited Mississauga Lodge, Port Credit, and with the District Secretary was most kindly introduced by the D. of C., V.W. Bro. W. G. Price, and cordially received by the W.M., W. Bro. A. H. McFadden. The work of the evening was the E. A. degree which was conferred in a pleasing and unostentatious manner. The Junior Deacon's work and the Past Master's charge were of a particularly high

degree of excellence. This lodge is in a fortunate condition financially and its future is most promising. At the banquet the spirit of good fellowship was very evident. Here the agriculturist, the business man, and the professional man meet to their mutual benefit. My visit to this lodge was one of delight and gratification.

Temple Lodge, No. 525, Toronto. Accompanied by V.W. Bro. W. J. Radford, who kindly substituted for W. Bro. Dunlop, I visited this lodge at its regular meeting on March 27th. We were received by the W.M. W. Bro. J. F. Judge, in his characteristically courteous fashion. The M.M. degree was conferred effectively and accurately and the work of the deacons and stewards in the opening ceremonies was particularly well done. Indeed, all the officers of the lodge displayed a careful preparation and a close attention to detail in their respective duties that is particularly deserving of praise. The needs of those members requiring assistance in benevolent and educational respects are well looked after by this lodge.

High Park Lodge, No. 531, Toronto. My official visit of inspection to this lodge was made on January 18th, 1923. The first degree was conferred by W. Bro. Weston, the W.M., who, although occupying the East for the first time following installation, proved himself an exceptionally able ritualist. The other officers and Past Masters who took part did their work in an almost faultless and very impressive manner. This lodge is fortunate in having a good choir and the excellent musical ritual added much to the beauty of the degree. The average attendance of members at both regular and emergent meetings is high and indicates the loyal support given by High Park Lodge to all that is best in Masonry. It was also my privilege to be present on October 19th, 1922, when High Park Lodge was honoured by a visit from the M.W., the Grand Master. On this occasion the seating capacity of the lodge room was taxed to its utmost and an exceedingly pleasant evening was spent.

Shamrock Lodge, No. 533, Toronto. On my first visit to this Lodge on October 17th, 1922, Sir Adam Beck and Mayor Maguire delivered interesting addresses at the banquet following the lodge meeting. On the oc-

casion of my official inspection, March 20th, 1923, I was cordially received by W. Bro. Kent, who conferred the F. C. degree in an impressive manner. The Senior Warden's lecture and the Past Master's charge were exceptionally well given. Although this lodge has not grown as rapidly as some, its growth has been in every respect substantial and its members are carrying on with most satisfactory results. A very enjoyable evening was spent.

Ulster Lodge, No. 537, Toronto. On the evening of November 6th, 1922, I was privileged to join with the brethren of this lodge in their reception to Sir Robert Baird and Sir Meemus O'Keefe. These eminent Irish Freemasons delighted a large audience with a brief account of the condition of the Order in that land, touching lightly on the difficulties through which they had passed and expressing optimism as to the future. Again, on March 17th, a delightful evening was spent with Ulster Lodge when they celebrated their Annual Irish Night. R.W. Bro. W. J. Drope, D.G.M., and Bro. Rev. T. G. Wallace were the speakers of the evening. On both these occasions many distinguished brethren participated in the festivities. My official visit of inspection was on March 5th, 1923, when I witnessed a wonderfully well worked first degree. W. Bro. C. A. Jones is assisted by a staff of officers who display in their work an ease and confidence seldom met with. This lodge has enjoyed prosperity and a vigorous growth from the beginning and is now rated among the largest lodges of the District. On this visit I was accompanied by V.W. Bro. C. H. C. Wright, who inspected the books and records of the lodge.

Tuscan Lodge, No. 541, Toronto. During the year I have spent several pleasant evenings with this lodge, the first on the evening of October 20th, when I accompanied the M.W., the Grand Master. My inspection was held on February 16th, 1923. W. Bro. Scott, the W.M., conferred the M.M. degree with his usual precision. The junior officers and past masters who took part in the work proved themselves unusually proficient. But the impressive feature was the perfect knowledge of the work in the former degree displayed by the candidate. Although this is a comparatively young lodge, it

has a membership of over four hundred and the average attendance is relatively large.

The General Mercer Lodge, No. 548, Toronto. My first visit to this lodge was on October 13th, 1923, the occasion of the presentation made by Toronto West District, No. 11, of regalia and chime clocks to my esteemed predecessor R.W. Bro. R. B. Dargavel and his District Secretary, V.W. Bro. W. J. Radford. There was a large attendance of members, among them many present and past Grand Lodge officers. On my official visit, March 9th, 1923, I was most cordially received by W. Bro. Gordon Shaver, the W.M. The work of the evening was the first degree which was faultlessly conferred on a receptive candidate. The work of the assistant officers was exceptionally accurate and the parts taken by Past Masters of the lodge were impressively given. This lodge numbers among its members many distinguished masons and can be relied on to uphold the best traditions of the craft and to prove deserving of the worthy name it bears.

Kilwinning Lodge, No. 565, Toronto. My first visit to this lodge was on the evening of September 15th, when the lodge honoured its capable secretary, R.W. Bro. Thomas Forsyth, following his election as Grand Junior Warden, and presented to him a set of Grand Lodge regalia. When I visited Kilwinning Lodge officially, March 16th, 1923, I was ushered in to the accompaniment of the pipes and, with W. Bro. H. Irwin of University Lodge who acted as District Secretary, was kindly welcomed by W. Bro. A. L. Burch. The work of the evening was the first degree which was conferred in a most impressive manner on an attentive candidate. W. Bro. Burch is supported by capable assistant officers and many well skilled past masters. This lodge evinces a vigour and vitality seldom equalled and in the three years since institution has become a force in Masonic activities. The books and records are taken care of in a perfect manner and in works of benevolence the lodge is upholding the best traditions of the Order.

King Hiram Lodge, No. 566, Toronto. I visited this lodge for the first time on December 1st, 1922, it being the occasion of their annual election of officers. There was a large attendance of members. On March

2nd, 1923, I inspected the work of the lodge officially, accompanied by W. Bro. Chas. F. Heebner, who kindly consented to act as District Secretary and assist me in the discharge of my duties. The second degree was conferred very effectively by W. Bro. Clark, the W. M., assisted by his efficient officers. The charge in this degree was exceptionally well given by W. Bro. F. G. Adams, and the candidate was not only receptive in this degree but proved himself most proficient in the former degree. The average attendance of members at regular meetings of this lodge is about seventy per cent. of the total membership, which may be accounted for by the bright and attractive way in which the work of the lodge is conducted, not only in the lodge room but at the banquet table following the lodge meeting.

Mizpah Lodge, No. 572, Toronto. I visited this lodge officially on March 23rd, 1923. The E. A. degree was conferred by W. Bro. McKee in a creditable manner, the musical portion of the work being exceptionally pleasing. This lodge has rapidly added to its numbers and is still receiving many applications for membership, but unfortunately, the finances of the lodge are not in the flourishing condition that so vigorous a growth would lead one to expect. Careful conservation of funds will necessarily be the policy of this lodge for some years to come.

Fidelity Lodge, No. 575, Toronto. I visited this lodge officially on December 28th, 1922, and notwithstanding the holiday season a large number of members was present. The work of the Entered Apprentice degree was acceptably conferred by the W.M., W. Bro. H. M. Challenger, and his officers, assisted by a goodly number of past masters of the lodge. This lodge lost during the year a very valuable and enthusiastic officer in the death of Bro. (Rev.) A. Logan Geggie, who had been Chaplain since its institution. Fidelity Lodge has enjoyed a steady and substantial growth since its inception about two years ago and is building up for itself an excellent reputation for accurate work and excellent administration. At the banquet which followed W. Bro. W. J. Dunlop gave an address on education. Altogether, a very pleasant and profitable evening was spent.

Sunnyside Lodge, No. 582, Toronto. This lodge was visited officially on Wednesday, February 22nd, 1923. Although this was the first regular meeting following the installation of the present officers, the E.A. degree was conferred in a creditable manner. W. Bro. Shelley is well supported by his junior officers and I would predict a successful future for this energetic young lodge. A pleasing incident at this meeting was the presentation to W. Bro. H. L. Crawford of an honorary membership certificate. We welcome W. Bro. Crawford to the West District.

Transportation Lodge, No. 583, Toronto. It has been my good fortune to share in the generous hospitality of this lodge at a number of regular meetings during the year. The reception accorded by all the officers from Bro. Tilley, their most efficient tyler to R. W. Bro. Boyd, the first W.M. of the lodge was most cordial at each of these visits. On February 12th, 1923, I inspected the ritualistic work of the lodge when W. Bro. Tansley conferred the first degree in a correct and impressive manner, assisted by his officers and past masters. Owing to the re-organization of the Canadian National Railways many of the members and officers of this lodge have moved from Toronto, but I am pleased to learn that they are retaining their membership. Although as a result of irregular hours in their vocation some of the members find it impossible to attend regularly, the average attendance is good and the lodge is making satisfactory progress. The same cordiality which is so pronounced in the lodge room is displayed during the hours of refreshment and I am indeed grateful to the members of Transportation Lodge for their many kindnesses during my year in office.

Patricia Lodge, No. 587, Toronto. On October 31st 1922, this lodge was constituted and consecrated by the M.W. the Grand Master, assisted by the Grand Secretary, the Grand Chaplain, and many other Grand Lodge officers. For my official inspection held on January 10th, 1923, W. Bro. Smeall, the W. M., conferred the Entered Apprentice Degree, a brother of the W. M. being the candidate. The work was done with accuracy and dignity by the officers, and I was much

impressed with the close attention given by the large number of members who were present. I would predict a good future for this young lodge.

Mount Dennis Lodge, No. 599, Toronto. Most Worshipful Bro. W. N. Ponton officiated at the ceremony of constituting and consecrating this lodge on November 30th, 1922. The ceremony was performed in an impressive manner before a gathering which taxed the capacity of the lodge room. At the official inspection which took place at the regular meeting on April 4th, W. Bro. R. H. Nixon conferred the E. A. degree. The work of the officers was done in an acceptable way with full musical ritual, the members participating heartily in this portion of the ceremony. The candidate was apparently of the right type and gave careful attention to the work.

Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 600, Toronto. On Friday, November 24th, 1922, I attended the constituting and consecrating of this lodge. The ceremony was conducted by the M. W., the Grand Master, in his customary able and eloquent manner. My official inspection occurred on Friday, January 5th, 1923. The Master Mason Degree was conferred by W. Bro. J. A. Cooper, who was ably assisted by a number of Past Masters. Notwithstanding the absence of several of the other officers from their regular chairs, the work was done in the usual excellent manner for which this young lodge is noted.

Melita Lodge, No. 605, Toronto. I attended the consecration of this lodge on the evening of November 29th, 1922. The ceremony of constituting and consecrating was conducted by the M.W., the Grand Master, assisted by a numerous array of Grand Lodge officers both past and present. My official inspection occurred on Saturday, January 27th, 1923. This lodge has the smallest membership of any in the district but its members are enthusiastic and optimistic. The first degree was conferred in an acceptable manner on a very attentive young candidate by the W.M., R. W. Bro. G. M. Hermiston, assisted by his officers and past mas-

ters. The musical part of the work is well looked after in this lodge.

Unity Lodge, No. 606, Toronto. On November 17th, 1922, this lodge was constituted and consecrated by the M.W., the Grand Master, W. N. Ponton. Many Grand Lodge officers assisted and many members of the craft witnessed the impressive ceremony. I inspected and reviewed the work of the officers of the lodge at the regular meeting on April 14th, 1923. The F. C. degree was conferred by the W.M., W. Bro. E. F. Trumper, in acceptable fashion. The assisting officers performed their respective parts efficiently. This meeting marked the first anniversary of the institution of the lodge and already about thirty-five candidates have been received.

Runnymede Lodge, U.D., Toronto. On the invitation of W. Bro. A. Chisholm, the W.M., I inspected this lodge on the evening of April 25th, 1923. As might be expected, the work was done in a most praise-worthy manner. This lodge has been fortunate in having among its charter members many well-skilled past masters and, with capable junior officers, the E. A. degree was conferred in a manner seldom surpassed. Although the lodge has been instituted but two months, they have supplied themselves with their own regalia and other requisites and the finances are in a flourishing condition. A very enjoyable hour was spent at the festive board following the lodge meeting. The future of this new lodge is encouraging. It may not be considered an invidious comparison to say that in the virtue of punctuality and in masterful administration, both in the work of the lodge and in the conduct of the refreshment hour, this lodge excels all others in the district.

In conclusion I wish again to thank the brethren who last year at Port Arthur elected me to this responsible office. They may feel assured that the officers and members of True Blue Lodge share with me this appreciation. I am also pleased to acknowledge my indebtedness to my colleagues of the Centre and East Districts, and to those of my predecessors who have so ably assisted me from time to time. It has also been a pleasure to accompany so often the Most Worshipful

the Grand Master on his many official visits to our city lodges. He has been a great source of inspiration to all who are engaged in the work of our time-honoured institution. And now, in vacating my official position, I feel confident that to my successor will be accorded that same loyal support and courteous treatment that has marked my year in office.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. A. SLADE, D.D.G.M.,

Toronto West District, No. 11.

TORONTO EAST DISTRICT, NO. 11A.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren,—

I have the honor to submit my report upon the condition of Masonry in Toronto East District, No. 11A, for the year ending June 30th, 1923.

First permit me to express my sincere appreciation to the brethren of the District for the honor conferred upon me in electing me D.D.G.M., and I desire to place on record the very keen satisfaction that comes to me because of the loyal support and co-operation that I received from the Worshipful Masters of the District. It was a constant source of pleasure and inspiration to have the presence of these Masters in large numbers on every occasion and wherever I went to make an official visit.

At the outset it was my desire that everything necessary in the District should be carried on in the true Masonic spirit, and I can truly say that the stake has been driven a little further down the pathway of friendship, so that whoever follows may have a mark from which to start in the year to come.

My first official act was to appoint Wor. Bro. James A. Burry as District Secretary, and he has rendered efficient and conscientious service.

It affords me keen satisfaction to report that Masonry in this District was never in a better or more healthy condition. The Worshipful Masters and officers are enthusiastic and conscientious in the discharge of their duties. The records of the Lodges are well kept, the secretaries all being imbued with the idea of keeping them in a way that reflects honor on themselves and the Lodges that they represent.

I believe that we have made real progress in this District during the past year. Masters are realizing that initiation must be education, that in the past we have turned out too many theoretical Masons and not enough practical ones, that now we are producing

Masons who learn our principles with the heart, who express these principles by giving rather than taking, and, above all, are willing to serve their fellowmen, looking on their duties as opportunities to be taken advantage of for the uplifting of mankind, and making him more closely related to his Creator. During the past twelve months I have visited all the Lodges of the District at least once, many twice, and a number several times, and I am glad to report that there is a true spirit of brotherliness prevailing, so that my work was indeed a labor of love.

All of the Lodges are doing the work in a way that is to be commended, and the high standard set in preceding years has not only been maintained but I believe surpassed. Where there is such a high standard of excellence it is not necessary for me to particularize, but there were some special features that I desire to call attention to in the hope that others may emulate them.

One of the outstanding events of the year was the Centennial Anniversary of St. Andrew's Lodge, the Mother Lodge of Toronto, instituted in 1822. The history of this Lodge has been intimately bound up with growth of our fair city, and Masonry in Toronto, yes, in the whole of Canada, owes to St. Andrew's Lodge a deep debt of gratitude for the way it has consistently lived up to the best traditions of the Craft, and for the record of those splendid men who so well and truly laid the foundation of the Lodge over one hundred years ago.

It was my privilege to attend the Christmas tree put on by Victory Lodge for the benefit of the orphans of deceased brethren residing in the District around the Yonge Street Temple. The names of these orphaned children were supplied by R. W. Bro. J. B. Nixon. Anyone who was present on that occasion could not help a feeling of satisfaction in having even a small part in a function of that kind. The sight of the happy faces of the children more than repaid the brethren who arranged for the treat, and it surely was a privilege to bring a little joy into those lives and take father's place for a short time on an occasion of this kind.

I am delighted to see that many of the Lodges in the District are taking advantage of the opportunity of bringing the boys into touch with the Craft and its teaching by conducting Father and Son nights. The boys of today are the men of tomorrow. They are the greatest asset that our country possesses, and it behooves us to see that early in life they are brought face to face with the great fundamental principles of our Order.

There were two new Lodges instituted in the District this year—Birchcliffe and Bay of Quinte. Birchcliffe was instituted in September in the Lodge room on the top floor of the Birchcliffe Club, Kingston Road. I was greatly favored by the assistance of a number of Past Grand Lodge officers as well as other Past Masters and Worshipful Masters. Surely no Lodge has ever been instituted under more favorable conditions—a cozy, well-appointed Lodge room in a beautiful club house surrounded by spacious grounds and overlooking the lake, and under the wise direction of an experienced Past Master of Wilson Lodge, No. 86—Wor. Bro. J. A. Carveth.

Bay of Quinte Lodge was instituted Saturday, March 3rd, in the Temple, Corner of Yonge street and Danforth Road, under particularly happy and distinguished auspices. The names of their charter members show a very large number of former residents of Bay of Quinte District, and include the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Colonel W. N. Ponton, Sir Gilbert Parker, Sir Allan Aylesworth and many others. Those who were present will not soon forget the ceremony of institution, nor the very fine Masonic sentiments expressed by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, and Sir Gilbert Parker, the guest of the evening. Under the able and skilful direction of Very Worshipful Bro. George A. Kingston, a Past Master of St. Andrew's Lodge, and assisted by other old and experienced Past Masters, there is no doubt but that a very bright and prosperous future is in store for both these new Lodges, and I am glad to recommend them for their charter from Grand Lodge.

In conclusion, let me say that it was a real pleasure to be in such close association with my colleagues of

the centre and west Districts of Toronto, and I desire also to express my gratitude for the many kindnesses and courtesies extended to me by the Worshipful Masters of the District. I shall not soon forget our very pleasant associations, the genuine regard that they have expressed, the loyalty they have shown, and the co-operation they have given, all which lessened to a very appreciable degree the burden of responsibility and made it possible for me to serve the District in a way that it could not have been served but for their continual help and support. May this little poem, often quoted by me, serve as a reminder of my desire:

“Let me be brave to face the night
And bear my burden of the fight with courage,
Not that I may be counted great in victory,
But that another treading on
May still keep heart when hope seems gone.
Grant to me wisdom not that I may boast
As one who's clambered high,
Or count myself superior to those less learned,
O God, I pray for wisdom and a clean mind
To aid the ones who come behind.
Let me be strong and brave of heart,
And teach me how to play my part
As one who toils not just for gold
(Thus I have not had my history told),
But let me serve as best I can,
My God, my home, my fellowman.”

Fraternally submitted,

PERCY J. LEE,

D.D.G.M. Toronto East, No. 11A.

TORONTO CENTRE DISTRICT, NO. 11B.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren,—

I have the honour to submit herewith my report on the condition of Masonry in the Toronto Centre District, No. 11B.

I must first express my sincere appreciation to the brethren of this very important District for the high honour conferred upon me by my election as their D.D.G.M. I am also deeply grateful to them for the many kindnesses received during my term of office from the Masters, officers and members of the various Lodges in this and other Toronto Districts.

I had great pleasure in appointing as District Chaplain Bro. Rev. H. R. Young, Rector of Fairbanks, and Junior Warden of Fairbanks Lodge since its institution. He is a very enthusiastic Mason, and deservedly popular in his District.

I was particularly fortunate in securing the assistance of V. W. Bro. George Ross, I.S.O., as District Secretary. He had been instrumental in the formation of the War Veterans Lodge, of which he was its first Master and, as he was about to retire from his office as General Superintendent of P. O. in the Dominion Government (after an experience of 40 years), his services were eagerly sought by myself, on behalf of the District, as I fully realized what a valuable asset his wide experience in both executive and organizing would be. Colonel Ross assumed the position and has carried on the duties with his usual alacrity and wide-awake business methods. Every Lodge in the District has realized that business methods prevailed in his communications, and every assistance was afforded by his complete understanding of every situation requiring elucidation. The assistance given by his examination of the books of the various Lodges on inspection nights has been marked by a kindly desire to help where advice was necessary, and his commendations of good work by the secretaries have been

appreciated by the officers and members of the Lodges. The whole District is deeply indebted to V. W. Bro. Ross for the able manner in which he has carried out his duties.

Friday, September 8th. I visited Rising Sun Lodge, No. 129; Aurora, on the occasion of the presentation of Grand Lodge regalia to V. W. Bro. John G. Macdonald as Grand Standard Bearer, and V. W. Bro. Eli Braund as Grand Steward. V. W. Bro. Macdonald was District Secretary to R. W. Bro. J. H. Dunlop and, apart from his work as District Secretary, has been so consistent in his loyalty to Masonry that Rising Sun Lodge fully appreciated the honour conferred on him. V. W. Bro. Eli Braund is one of the oldest and most respected Past Masters of Rising Sun, and every member appreciated the loyal interest he has taken in the Craft for so long a period and are glad his valued services have been recognized by Grand Lodge. A life membership in the Lodge was presented to V. W. Bro. C. L. Wilson in appreciation of his interest in Rising Sun and the whole northern section of the District.

Monday, September 18th. Huron and Bruce Lodge was instituted. The ceremonies were conducted by R.W. Bro. J. H. Dunlop. M.W. Bro. F. W. Harcourt, R. W. Bro. John A. Rowland and other distinguished members were present and the occasion proved a general re-union of many friends from these two well known old Ontario Counties. Among the 84 Charter Members are 13 Past Masters nearly all of whom were born or were residents of Huron or Bruce Counties. In this Lodge an effort will be put forth to make it the Masonic home for residents and visiting brethren from this particular part of Ontario.

Wednesday, September 20th. Presentation of P.D.D.G.M. Regalia to R.W. Bro. John H. Dunlop at Richmond Lodge, Richmond Hill. R.W. Bro. Dunlop has taken a deep interest in Richmond Lodge since his removal there from Toronto so the members, not only of that Lodge but also of several of the neighboring Lodges in the district, were glad to assemble to offer their congratulations. R.W. Bro. John Graham and W. Bro. Whealy represented St. Andrew's, the Mother Lodge of R.W. Bro. Dunlop, and offered their

felicitations. R.W. Bro. Dunlop has had a very strenuous and successful year and the good wishes of the whole district were shown by the words of appreciation and warm applause of his Brethren in the Lodge room.

Friday, September 29th. Oakwood Lodge was honoured by the official visit of M.W. Bro. Ponton as well as the attendance of a large number of members of Wardrope Lodge No. 555 of Hamilton. Their W.M.. W. Bro. F. T. Richardson, expressed their appreciation for the warm welcome they received. The meeting was a very happy inter-city re-union and proved in an outstanding manner the good such meetings can do for Masonry in particular, by breaking in upon our civic isolation and making us better acquainted with our Brethren in the neighboring districts.

October was a busy month perfecting details for the consecration of the ten new Lodges in districts 11 and 11B. There were five in each district. The preparatory work of each Lodge had been well attended to and my visits of inspection proved that the new Lodges were well organized and that the work was in the hands of capable Past Masters, whilst the Secretaries' work and the books had been properly provided for.

The consecration ceremonies were somewhat difficult to arrange, all Lodge rooms in both districts being busy. It was therefore necessary to ask special favours of a number of Lodges when dates conflicted, and it augurs well for Masonry when both old and new Lodges combine their efforts to assist in every way possible, permitting nothing to interfere with the nights arranged for the convenience of the Grand Master and the Lodge to be consecrated. Both districts mutually assisted and the ceremonies passed off very successfully. The Grand Master was assisted by a very large gathering of the officers of Grand Lodge, Masters and Past Masters, and the attendance in very large numbers of the Brethren evinced the great interest taken in the ceremonies and the new Lodges.

December and January being the months for elections and installations, visits were rather restric-

ted to these purposes. One is perhaps reminded that the interruption of our Masonic work at its busiest time by such elections and installations might advisedly be deferred to May or June when the work of the Lodges is not so pressing and thus correspond with the annual meetings of the Grand Lodge.

My visits to the thirty-two Lodges in the district have been most satisfactory. The ceremonial work is of the highest order, each Member striving his utmost to prove his sincerity by his own work, and his encouragement and example to his officers make the new members evince a greater interest in the affairs of the Lodge generally.

The business affairs of the Lodges, as expressed in their monthly circulars, show an increasing desire to excel in accuracy of detail of the necessary business and at the same time many of the circulars contain items of Masonic lore of a truly educative value.

In order to make official visits more interesting and instructive to both members and visitors of the various Lodges, certain Masters were requested to exemplify a specific degree with full musical ritual. A "D.D.G.M. Trestle Board" was compiled by the District Secretary, giving dates and special degrees to be conferred, and copies were mailed to the Secretary of each Lodge asking that a copy be enclosed to each member with the first outgoing circular so that every Brother could avail himself of the opportunity of witnessing the exemplification of whatever degree he desired, under the most favourable conditions.

To write a description of the work in each Lodge would be an unnecessary duplication. The work throughout the whole district has been uniformly good.

Inspection nights were well attended and any invidious comparison of the work is quite out of place in my records. There were naturally many outstanding occasions when Masters and Officers deserved the highest commendation and where the members showed by their numbers and enthusiasm the deep feelings they entertained for their Lodge and their love of

Masonry. On several occasions in the Lodges and at the banquet table the spirit of benevolence showed itself spontaneously and demonstrated in a practical manner that the ideals for which Masonry stands were not merely to be satisfied by beautiful words and phrases alone but by a whole-hearted, practical determination to aid in a tangible form some outstanding act of mercy.

In the whole district the Past Masters deserve the highest commendation for their practical assistance to the Craft. They are truly "pillars of strength" to their Lodges generally, and every Lodge seems to possess a number of such unselfish Past Masters who are always on hand to assist at either regular or emergent meetings, committee meetings, visits to the sick or distressed, as well as many small matters unseen by casual attendants. There are many such Past Masters and Masters in this district and I desire to thank them for their many kindnesses shown to me by turning out and visiting with me in all seasons, at all hours, bringing ripened knowledge to assist the D.D. to a better and more intimate acquaintance with his Brethren in the Lodges not previously visited by him.

There have been many outstanding successful meetings in the district during the year. The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. W. N. Ponton, has been a frequent guest and added to the interest of the meetings wherever he attended.

On Friday, September 22nd, Zetland Lodge celebrated their "Canada Night". Amongst those present were the Grand Master and Past Grand Masters, M.W. Bros. W. R. White, E. T. Malone, W. D. McPherson and F. W. Harcourt, with a large number of Present and Past Grand Lodge Officers and representatives of city Lodges, making a large and enthusiastic meeting long to be remembered. The principal speakers were the Right Hon. Arthur Meighen and Lt.-Col. Greer. W. Bro. A. H. Macabe and the Zetland Lodge are to be congratulated on the success of this annual national night.

On March 27th, 1922, Ashlar Lodge had a most successful military night when the chairs were filled

by the Military Brethren of the Lodge. The meeting was an unusually brilliant assembly and the work was exemplified in a most impressive manner. W. Bro. Arthur Heesin and Ashlar Lodge are to be congratulated on the complete success of the evening which will be long remembered by those present.

The Masonic halls of the district gave proof of the activity of the Craft. The Masonic hall at 888 Yonge street is a genuine hive of Masonic industry. The building is taxed to its capacity. The General Secretary, R. W. Bro. C. B. Murray, is indefatigable in his efforts to provide the convenient accommodation for both regular and emergent meetings. His duties demand constant attendance in his office and around the buildings, and I am sure all the Brethren are grateful for his many courtesies as well as his fund of information so willingly placed at their disposal on all occasions.

On April 20th, 1923, York Lodge celebrated their 60th anniversary. During these years their Masonic homes have been many. The front of their souvenir programme on this occasion was decorated by views of the six halls that have been meeting places for "York Lodge" since the memorable night of April 30th, 1863. when their Lodge was instituted, and now another expansion has become necessary as six Craft Lodges (York, Metropolitan, Oakwood, Northgate, Fairbank and Golden Fleece) with York Chapter, have so overtaxed their accommodation that a Charter for a new company has been applied for under the name of "The York Masonic Temple Limited" with a capital stock of \$200,000, to be disposed of to the members of the fraternity only at \$10 per share. This celebration brought so many of the members that the hall was indeed taxed to its capacity. W. Bro. J. H. MacKenzie read a very interesting account of the history of the Lodge. The W.M., Bro. A. Paton, is surrounded by a loyal body of Past Masters who are justly proud of the success of their old Mother Lodge.

Of the Lodges in the outlaying districts, congratulations are due to several. Richmond Hill No. 23 of Richmond Hill has this year paid off the mortgage on its hall, and has a very encouraging balance sheet.

Bradford, also, has reason to be proud of the progress Simcoe Lodge has made. The Lodge equipment is splendid; the books are in excellent condition, and the Lodge is prosperous.

Newmarket is changing their Lodge rooms for much better quarters, and Tucan No. 99 will soon be more comfortably settled.

Vaughan Lodge No. 54, Maple, have taken practical steps to obtain new Lodge rooms. At the annual inspection night, amidst much enthusiasm, enough funds were taken to ensure an early commencement of the building.

Paterson Lodge No. 265, Thornhill, occupy a building on which extensive alterations have been contemplated for some time. For substantial reasons work has been delayed, but it is to be hoped that better conditions will prevail in the near future so that the necessary progress can be looked for.

Rising Sun No. 129 has long been congratulated on its own hall. Further additions are in progress and the members of this Lodge are to be congratulated on the high estimation in which they are held in their community.

Union Lodge No. 118, Schomberg, during the past year has made much progress. Their hall is conveniently located and prospects seem bright for the future.

Sharon Lodge No. 97, Queensville, has a comfortable and well-equipped Lodge room, and with 109 members on its roll, so in this prosperous district true progress can be looked for.

Malone Lodge No. 512, Sutton West, occupies an exceptionally well-furnished Lodge room in this prosperous village. M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, after whom it is named, has taken great interest in this Lodge since its institution, and on its membership roll are several prominent Past Masters.

Robertson Lodge No. 292, at King, has good reason to be proud of its membership. They have occupied unsatisfactory quarters for a long time. In

the Fall a new building was completed and the only actual work paid for was to the workman who superintended the pouring of the cement and one carpenter for his expert work. The rest of the building was done in a real community fashion by the members forming themselves into working parties and completing the whole structure. On Friday, October 20th, 1922, the building and Lodge rooms were consecrated by R.W. Bro. J. H. Dunlop, who was assisted by many Present and Past Grand Lodge Officers. The ceremonies were conducted according to our ancient rites and ceremonies and a full attendance of Robertson and other sister Lodges testified to their interest in the ceremonies, expressing good wishes for the prosperity of the Lodge and hearty congratulations to the Brethren of Robertson Lodge who possess a fine building with only a small debt. On the annual inspection night a member of Tuscan Lodge, Newmarket, presented them with a complete set of Ashlars thus proving the interest other sister Lodges have taken to assist Robertson Lodge to complete their new home.

The Masonic experience of the year has proved that the true principle of our Order flourished in every Lodge. The future seems brighter than ever, judged by the zeal of the Masters and Officers to excel in their degree work, attendance on committee and other related duties, as well as the pride and interest taken in the Lodges by the members generally.

To the Secretaries, generally, I must express my cordial thanks for their co-operation in assisting me by supplying details of the business affairs of the Lodges and alert pride in their books by a proper appreciation of the desires of Grand Lodge for uniformity in methods and close attention to financial transactions generally.

There is a pronounced rivalry amongst the secretaries of the district to excel in their work and it would be difficult to contrive better systems than are in operation in many of the Lodges. I have been particularly proud of the condition of many of our Lodge records—neatness, accuracy of details and figures have combined to make the inspection of the record books

a pleasure and a cause for warm commendation as expressed by me in the Lodge on my official visits. The work of the secretaries has been so good that often the inspection of their records has closely rivalled, in interest, the work of the various degrees. There have been several outstanding degrees of excellence amongst the secretaries and I feel Grand Lodge could profit by officially inspecting several sets of books in this district and thereby institute more uniformity by insisting that similar methods must prevail in every Lodge.

To the Committee of Music of the many Lodges congratulations are due. The improvements in the degree work have been materially assisted by the efforts of the choirs. The circulation amongst the members of the Lodges of the musical rituals has resulted in the hearty co-operation of all the Brethren, and has thus assisted the efforts of the Masters and Officers to make the ceremonies more impressive on their members as well as the initiates.

The refreshments generally have been more in keeping with the desire to economize in this very important department and thus relieve the Lodges of such lavish expenditure, particularly in some of our city Lodges. The desire for retrenchment in this department seems to be more general, thereby enabling the Lodges to realize more available funds for the active and practical demonstration of our Masonic ideals. The examination of the annual financial statements forwarded by request to me, however, shows that there is yet too wide a margin between expenses for refreshments and benevolence. While it is true several Lodges contribute liberally to benevolent schemes there is yet room for much improvement.

An item of interest copied from the report of 1922 of the Committee of General Purposes of Rehoboam Lodge deserves especial mention as it points the way to a practical benevolence every Lodge could profitably follow:

"We take special pleasure in congratulating the Santa Claus Committee, with Bro. W. J. Evans as chairman. Last year Rehoboam Lodge adopted 58 children of deceased mem-

bers of the Craft and provided them with Christmas comforts of mittens, mu ers, stockings, etc. This year, through the generosity of the members, that number has been increased to 85. This is the true spirit of Masonry and is an act of loving kindness that should appeal to all."

King Solomon's financial report gives the following:

Benevolence

General Fund	\$ 210.00
Special Fund	996.50
Dues Remitted	24.00
Funerals	46.10
Flowers	75.50
	\$1,352.10

Palestine's financial statement includes the following:

Charities

Last year's subscription to	
Jewish Orphanage	\$ 500.00
Re Otto	240.00
Boys' Camp	100.00
Miscellaneous	140.39
	\$980.39

Liabilities—

Balance subscription to Jewish Orphanage, \$5.00.

Other Lodges have methods of Benevolence not shown in their annual statements that demonstrate the fact that those who have reached the sere and yellow leaf of old age are being provided for by their Lodges and such efforts are being materially assisted by the individual assistance of the members.

During the year I have had the pleasure of a close association and the heartiest co-operation with my two confreres in the east and west districts—R.W. Bro. J. A. Slade and R.W. Bro. P. J. Lee. We met frequently at nights of inspection and at short intervals during the year with the desire to assist each other

to secure uniformity in all districts, and to discuss the many problems arising from time to time, and these meetings have always developed a Masonic spirit and materially assisted in the year's work.

To R. W. Bro. Slade I must express thanks for his co-operation in the arrangements for the consecration of the ten new Lodges, five in each district. Out of an almost hopeless tangle, true harmony was established, due in a large measure to his patience and fraternal assistance.

In conclusion, may I again thank the Brethren for the honour conferred on me last year, their never-failing kindnesses during the year, their hearty co-operation with me in the work of the district, and finally, may I ask that the broad mantle of Masonic charity be spread over my many shortcomings? The year has been one of inspiration and education to me and I am deeply grateful for the honours received.

Fraternally submitted,

ERNEST A. LEWIS,

D.D.G.M. Toronto Centre District No. 11B.

ONTARIO DISTRICT No. 12

To the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Canada, A. F. & A. M. in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:—

I beg leave herewith to present my report for the year 1922-23 on the condition of Masonry in Ontario District, No. 12.

My first official act was to appoint Wor. Bro. Thomas Price, P.M. Mount Zion Lodge, No. 39, as my official secretary.

Work

The Masonic work of the District commenced in September, 1922, when Cedar Lodge, No. 270, Oshawa, celebrated its fiftieth anniversary. A special meeting was held and was attended by all the known living Past Masters who filled all the chairs and ably exemplified the work of the evening under the direction of Wor. Bro. Geo. Scott, of Winnipeg, who had journeyed hither to be present and to officiate at the gathering. The lodge took this opportunity to perform a very gracious act, viz., the presentation to each of its Past Masters present of a very fine Past Master's Jewel. Wor. Bro. Scott presented a Past Master's Jewel of his own to the Lodge on the condition that the I.P.M. wear it during his term of office and transfer it to his successor. Most Worshipful Grand Master, Lt.-Col. W. N. Ponton, was present and delivered a most inspiring address in which he eloquently outlined the project of the erection of a Masonic Memorial to the fallen brethren, somewhere in the Province.

Lodge of Instruction

A Lodge of Instruction was held pursuant to dispensation in St. John's Lodge, No. 17, at Cobourg on October 18th, 1922, at which were present the following Grand Lodge Officers:—

M.W. Bro. Lt.-Col. W. N. Ponton, Grand Master; Rt. Wor. Bro. W. M. Logan, Grand Secretary; Rt. Wor. Bro. James Moore, M.D., D.D.G.M., District No. 12; Rt. Wor. Bro. Ed. Worth, P.D.D.G.M., Gore 1; Rt. Wor.

Bro. J. T. George, P.D.D.G.M., District No. 12; Rt. Wor. Bro. Chas. Thorndyke, P.D.D.G.M., District No. 12; Rt. Wor. Bro. G. W. P. Every, P.D.D.G.M., District No. 12; Rt. Wor. Bro. Jabez Miller, P.D.D.G.M., Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

After the meeting had been called to order by the District Deputy, Dr. James Moore, and the dispensation read, the officers of St. John's Lodge were requested to occupy their respective chairs, proceed to open lodge and exemplify the work of the E. A. degree. This was done in a very creditable manner and the Worshipful Master Wor. Bro. M. A. Hewson, was complimented on the excellence of the work of his lodge by the Grand Secretary and District Deputy. Discussion of various points raised followed and were settled satisfactorily to the brethren present by the Grand Secretary and District Deputy.

The officers of St. John's Lodge then vacated their chairs, which were retaken by the Wor. Master and officers of Hope Lodge, No. 114 and Ontario Lodge No. 26 of Port Hope. The Lodge was opened in the F.C. degree at 4.25 p.m. Wor. Bro. H. Mitchell presiding. The F.C. degree was then exemplified in a clear distinct and correct manner, so perfect that the Grand Secretary and District Deputy could offer no suggestions as to its improvement but could only eulogize the Worshipful Master and his officers for their perfect rendition of the work. The Lodge was then called off for the space of two hours. All adjourned to the Armouries to partake of a sumptuous banquet provided by St. John's brethren. Over 250 were present and just as they were seated the Most Worshipful Grand Master entered and was received by the plaudits of the assembly in true Masonic fashion. After justice had been done to the repast so bountifully supplied by the brethren of St. John's Lodge, the toast to the King was duly honored. Rt. Wor. Bro. George then proposed the toast of the Grand Lodge and the Craft which was ably responded to by Rt. Wor. Bro. Wm. Logan in a humorous and appropriate address. Most Wor. Bro. Ponton delighted the gathering with his eloquent and instructive address on the true principles of Masonry. The Toast of Canada was eloquently proposed by Wor. Bro. F. L. Fowke, Ex-M.P., Oshawa. His address was characterized by the

presentation of a brilliant idealism for the guidance of all Canadians and Masons. The Toast was responded to by Lt.-Col. J. W. Odell in a very able manner in the absence of Judge H. Ward who unfortunately was not able to attend through illness.

The brethren then returned to the Lodge at 9.30 p.m. and work was resumed. The D.D.G.M. requested the Port Hope officers to vacate their chairs to the officers of Cedar and Lebanon Lodges of Oshawa. Wor. Bro. Wallace presiding. The Lodge was opened in the M.M. degree at 9.45.

The Most Wor. Grand Master and Grand Secretary being in waiting, the D.D.G.M. directed Wor. Bro. Wallace and Wor. Bro. W. E. Hopper to retire and introduce the distinguished officers. This was done in a very efficient manner by Wor. Bro. H. Wallace, and the Grand Honors were given in due form. The work of the M.M. degree was then beautifully exemplified and the Most Wor. Grand Master expressed his pleasure in the manner of the ritualistic exemplification of this degree and dilated extensively upon the value of Lodges of Instruction, laying great stress on the knowledge to be gained by Masons meeting under such favorable auspices, thus broadening and enlarging their viewpoint of Masonry and carrying back to their homes the inspiration thus gained to the great advantage of the Subordinate Lodges in the District. The gavels used in this degree were one of solid silver presented to the Most Wor. Grand Master by the brethren of Northern Ontario and the other made from stone of quarries of King Solomon and brought from the Holy Land and presented by Bro. G. W. McLaughlin of Oshawa. Just before the Lodge was closed Wor. Bro. F. L. Fowke moved a resolution asking the Lodge of Instruction to take up a collection for the fire sufferers of Northern Ontario. The resolution passed unanimously and a collection resulted in a handsome donation being handed to Rt. Wor. Bro. Logan, to be expended as he saw fit in the spirit of help and charity. The Most Wor. Grand Master warmly thanked the brethren for their generosity and in the conclusion of his remarks expressed the thought of the G.M. of Alexandria 4,000 years ago in the following words:—"May God grant all your prayers, the gifts of heaven, the products of earth, stability, equanimity, serenity, health,

strength, power, love and all the blessings of life". The Lodge was closed severally in the M.M., F.C. and E. A. degrees at 12.15 a.m.

I can only add that the splendid esprit de corps generated at this meeting has spread throughout the whole District No. 12, and that the year has been a record one in co-operation and fraternity between the various lodges in the District.

In order to shorten this report it only remains for me to state that I visited all the Lodges of the District on their several regular meeting nights with two exceptions, viz., J. B. Hall, No. 145, Millbrook and Keene, No. 374, both these lodges holding emergent meetings for my convenience. I must add that I was unfortunate in losing my notes containing my record and dates of visits.

The Worshipful Masters and Officers of all the Lodges can exemplify the various degrees in an appropriate and instructive manner. They have the work well in hand, render it uniformly and are capable of giving the work in an instructive and educative sense. A healthy Masonic spirit is prevalent in the district. This is manifested by the number of fraternal visits between lodges during the year and the splendid support accorded me by Past Grand Lodge officers, Worshipful Masters and brethren during my official visits.

In conclusion I desire to express my grateful thanks to the brethren of District No. 12 for their cordiality, co-operation and assistance. It has been a labor of love and my greatest reward will be the hope that the work so splendidly done this year will be a standard of perfection for succeeding generations of Masons.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES MOORE, D.D.G.M.,

District No. 12.

PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT No. 13.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:—

I have the honor to herewith submit my report as D.D.G.M. of Prince Edward District, No. 13, for the past Masonic year.

Allow me first to express my deep appreciation of the high honor conferred upon me by the brethren of this district in electing me as the representative of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, and also to express to the brethren my gratitude for the kindness and courtesy shown me during my term of office.

My first duty was to appoint Wor. Bro. John McCarthy as District Secretary, and Wor. Bro. Rev. W. G. Swayne as District Chaplain.

I wish to express my sincere appreciation to these Wor. Brethren for the support and assistance so cheerfully given, and also for the capable and faithful manner in which they discharged the duties of their respective offices.

The District Chaplain accompanied me on most of my visits and delivered many instructive addresses, which added much to inspire the higher ideals of Masonry throughout the District.

We have been favored on several occasions with visits to lodges in the District from the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, whose presence ever courteous and dignified eloquence of speech have given us all a new sense of duty as Masons and citizens of our Empire.

The brethren of Prince Edward District, No. 13, are extremely proud of the fact that the Most Worshipful the Grand Master is a resident and Past Master of one of the lodges in the District.

The efficiency, interest and enthusiasm shown by the excellent Masonic spirit prevailing throughout the whole District of the splendid amity and harmony which exists by the fraternizing of the brethren on all occasions, is a

tribute to each lodge that our time honored principles are well observed and strictly adhered to.

Visits

Star of the East Lodge, No. 164, Wellington. I attended Divine Service with the brethren of this lodge on Sunday, September 3rd. There was a large number of members and visitors present among whom were the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Rt. Wor. Bros. M. K. Adams, F. D. Diamond and H. F. Ketcheson, P.D.D.G.Ms. The Grand Master on our return to the lodge room gave a short eloquent address full of love and loyalty to the principles of our order.

Consecon Lodge, No. 50, Consecon. I visited this lodge, September 29th, accompanied by District Chaplain, V. Wor. Bro. Geo. Dulmage, Wor. Bro. H. Morgan and Bro. W. Ketcheson; there were also present R.W. Bro. M. K. Adams of Picton, and W. J. Potts of Trenton, P.D.D.G.M's. and a large number of visitors from all the surrounding lodges. There being no work ready, Wor. Bro. John Johnson and officers opened and closed the lodge in the several degrees, all of which was done in a very efficient manner. This lodge, although one of the smallest in the District, has an excellent staff of officers, and is doing good work.

Franck Lodge, No. 127, Frankford. I visited this lodge October 2nd, accompanied by R.W. Bro. John Newton, H. F. Ketcheson, P.D.G.D.M's., V. Wor. Bro. Geo. Dulmage and Bro. Geo. Ketcheson. There was a large attendance of members and visitors and a very great interest was taken in the work of the evening, which consisted in the conferring of the second degree in a very creditable manner, by the Wor. Master and his officers.

Prince Edward Lodge, No. 18, Picton. This very old lodge I had the pleasure of visiting October 5th and was officially introduced by Rt. Wor. Bro. M. K. Adams, P.D.D.G.M., and very courteously received by the brethren. There was a large number of members and visitors present who filled the beautiful temple to capacity. I was deeply pleased to see so many of the older Past Masters in attendance and who still continue to take

an active interest in the work of the lodge. The officers conferred the third degree which was performed in a manner worthy of the highest compliment.

Stirling Lodge, No. 69, Stirling. A most hearty reception was accorded me October 12th, when I visited this lodge. I was ably supported by Rt. Wor. Bros. John Newton and H. F. Ketcheson, P.D.D.G.M's. There was a large and enthusiastic gathering of both members and visitors present who filled the lodge room to overflowing. There being no candidate for the evening, Wor. Bro. G. B. Bedford, and his officers opened the lodge to the third degree. The work was exceedingly well done, meriting no criticism, and was quite in accord with the high standard performed by this lodge in the past.

United Lodge, No. 29, Brighton. This is also one of the older lodges of the district, as well as one of the most prosperous and progressive, which I had the pleasure of visiting October 31st, accompanied by Rt. Wor. Bro. W. O. Adams, P.G.S.W., V.W. Bro. Geo. Dulmage, the district Chaplain and Bro. H. Stock. We were greeted by a splendid gathering of members and visitors from the neighboring lodges. I was introduced by Rt. Wor. Bro. Rev. Pickford, and most cordially received by Wor. Bro. F. G. Harnden on behalf of the officers and members. The conferring of the first degree with full musical ritual rendered by an excellent choir imparted to all the very best impression of the work. United Lodge is to be congratulated on their very efficient staff of officers, also on their large and enthusiastic choir.

Tweed Lodge, No. 259, Tweed. The visit to this lodge November 3rd was the occasion of the commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Institution of Tweed Lodge. We were privileged and honored by having the Grand Master accompany us. The attendance of the members was very large and the true spirit of brotherhood was manifest in the fraternizing with the visiting brethren of whom there were a great number present, among others being Rt. Wor. Bro. M. K. Adams, of Picton, J. McC. Potts of Stirling, P.D.D.G.M's., V. Wor. Bro. Rev. F. L. Barber, Assistant Grand Organist, the District Secretary and Wor. Bro. H. L. Wallace of Cedar Lodge, Oshawa. We were hon-

ored by the presence of Wor. Bro. Chas. Flint, who is the oldest Past Master of Tweed Lodge (50 years) now over 85 and hale and hearty. Wor. Bro. Flint was made a Mason February 18th, 1863, certificate No. 3852, and is the only charter member living of this lodge. The second degree was conferred on a very capable candidate in a highly satisfactory manner by Wor. Bro. F. G. Houston and the officers. W. W. Garrett is to be congratulated as secretary of the lodge for the very able manner in which he performs his duties. Excellent addresses were delivered by the Grand Master, Bro. T. H. Thompson, M.P., V. Wor. Bro. Rev. F. L. Barks and other prominent brethren, including Wor. Bro. Flint.

Eureka Lodge, No. 283, Belleville. Sunday morning November 26th, attended Thanksgiving Service with the brethren in recognition of the many blessings bestowed upon this lodge during the past 50 years. A most impressive service was held at the Bridge Street Methodist Church and was conducted by the Chaplain Bro. Rev. Dr. E. N. Baker assisted by other members of the Craft. Bro. Rev. Dr. E. N. Baker's address was of high order, as was also the music which was provided by members of the lodge. On this occasion the Grand Master again favored us with his presence, and also gave us a short inspiring address on our return to the lodge room.

This lodge I visited on the occasion of the celebrating of their 50th Anniversary and was most cordially received by Wor. Bro. Col. E. D. O'Flynn on behalf of the officers and members. Most Worshipful Bro. Col. W. N. Ponton honored us by his attendance and who was officially received by the lodge. There was a very large number of members and visitors present who filled the lodge room to capacity.

The chairs after the formal opening of the lodge were taken by the oldest Past Masters and members of the lodge with Rt. Wor. Bro. Col. S. S. Lazier, the only living charter member, as Wor. Master. No degrees were conferred but a very interesting and instructive meeting was enjoyed, mainly of a reminiscent and historical character.

I have visited this lodge on several occasions and have always been delighted with the accuracy and vim of the Wor. Master, officers and members.

The brethren of Eureka Lodge and Masonry generally are deeply indebted to Rt. Wor. Bro. F. D. Diamond for his untiring interest and efficiency in the work of the Craft throughout the district. Very able addresses were given by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and other speakers. Among the distinguished brethren taking part were Rt. Wor. Bros. Col. S. S. Lazier, F. S. O'Flynn, C. J. Symons, V. Wor. Bro. Col. P. H. Hambly and R. H. McCrudden, all contributing to an evening of profit and enjoyment to the large number present.

Lake Lodge, No. 215, Ameliasburg. I had the pleasure of visiting this lodge on December 4th. Among others who accompanied me were the District Chaplain, the District Secretary, Rt. Wor. Bro. W. O. Adams, P. G. Senior Warden, V. Wor. Bro. Arthur McGie, John McIntosh, R. H. McCrudden and J. O. Herity. There was a very large attendance of members present, including Rt. Wor. Bro. G. Stafford, and also visitors from all the neighboring lodges, among whom were Rt. Wor. Bro. J. S. Shurie and Wor. Bro. Ainsworth of Wellington. A First Degree was conferred on a candidate by Wor. Bro. H. Redner and officers in a very able and efficient manner. Lake Lodge has just reason to be proud of the very capable secretary, Wor. Bro. Jas. L. Glenn, who for over 50 years has been a most enthusiastic and devoted member of the Craft.

The Belleville Lodge, No. 123, Belleville. This, my mother lodge, I officially visited January 4th, and was enthusiastically greeted by a large number of members and visitors. This lodge is also the mother lodge of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, of whom the members are justly proud, and who honored us on this occasion. The lodge has been favored at every opportunity by the presence of the Grand Master, for which the brethren are greatly indebted, for his kindness and companionship.

I had the privilege and pleasure of installing and investing the newly elected officers and was very ably assisted in the ceremony by Rt. Wor. Bro. H. J. Clarke, P.D.D.G.M., Rt. Wor. Bro. W. O. Adams, P.G. Senior Warden, V. Wor. Bro. Arthur McGie, the District Secretary Wor. Bro. John McCarthy, and Wor. Bros. McCurdy, Stafford and Schryner.

I have attended the regular communications of the lodge whenever convenient, the duties of my office alone preventing my being in attendance with the brethren and at all times have found the work conducted with the dignity and perfection, which has ever been the custom of this lodge.

Moirs Lodge No. 11, Belleville. This lodge, the oldest in the District, I visited February 28th, was introduced by Wor. Bro. H. Morgan, D. of C. and received on behalf of the lodge, by Wor. Bro. A. J. Boyes in a most cordial and gracious manner. The First Degree was conferred on this occasion by the Wor. Master and his officers, with the assistance of an excellent choir, the work and music being conducted quite in accord with the high standard which has always prevailed in this lodge. A pleasing feature was the presence of a large number of the stalwarts of Masonry among whom were Rt. Wor. Bro. John Newton, H. F. Ketcheson, C. J. Symons, V. Wor. Bros. W. Anderson, John McIntosh, George Dulmage and Wor. Bro. D. Price, who was made a Mason in 1864, certificate numbered 3,978, was Wor. Master of this lodge in 1877, now in his 86th year, is still most enthusiastic and active. Rt. Wor. Bro. Col. S. S. Lazier, who has been more than 59 years a Mason, and was D.D.G.M. at the time our First Grand Master was buried at Simcoe, is a member of this lodge.

Craig Lodge, No. 401, Deseronto. My visit to this lodge April 3rd, was most pleasant. I was accompanied by V. Wor. Bro. Geo. Dulmage, Bro. Major R. D. Ponton and Bro. W. Ketcheson. Among the large number of members and visitors present were several brethren from the 14th Masonic District, including Wor. Bro. J. G. Fennell and Geo. Tuskin. Wor. Bro. T. L. McCullough on behalf of the lodge extended to me a very hearty welcome. The First Degree was conferred in a very satisfactory manner, which demonstrated the ability of the officers most creditably. We regret owing to the bad condition of the roads that Rt. Wor. Bro. Craig, from whom this lodge bears its name, was unable to be present. We had, however, among others of the "stalwarts" of Masonry in the District, Wor. Bro. Wright, who is always ready in the interests of the lodge. Craig Lodge have recently moved into their fine

spacious quarters, which typifies the zeal and loyalty of the brethren.

Trent Lodge, No. 38, Trenton. I was delighted to have the opportunity of visiting this lodge April 10th, and was accompanied by several of the brethren among whom were the District Chaplain and V. Wor. Bro. Geo. Dulmage. I was escorted into the lodge by Rt. Wor. Bros. R. H. Spencer and W. J. Potts, the former introducing me in the most kind and affable manner. Wor. Bro. Rev. Harry A. Frost on behalf of the lodge gave me a hearty welcome. The First Degree was conferred in a most excellent manner, each officer performing his work with dignity and expression, demonstrating to the fullest the high standard for which this lodge is noted. A pleasing feature of the evening was the presentation by Rt. Wor. Bro. R. H. Spencer on behalf of the lodge, of Past Master's Jewels to Wor. Bros. Alyea and McClung. Trent Lodge is to be congratulated in having the support of a large number of enthusiastic Past Masters. Instructive addresses delivered by Wor. Bro. Rev. W. P. Woodger, Bro. Rev. McTear, the District Chaplain and others.

Union Lodge, No. 9, Napanee. This very old Lodge of the 14th Masonic District, I was pleased to visit on invitation at the time of the official visit of District Deputy Grand Master Aubrey L. Lott, April 27th, and was very graciously received with him by the officers and brethren of the lodge. This lodge is to be congratulated on their splendidly equipped and commodious rooms.

Golden Rule Lodge, No. 126, Campbellford. The above lodge I visited May 1st, accompanied by R.W. Bro. W. O. Adams, P.G.S.W., V. Wor. Bro. John McIntosh, Bros. E. Wheatley, John McIntosh, Jr. and G. W. French. There was a large number of members and visitors present. I was introduced by R.W. Bro. Dr. O. C. Watson, P.D.D.G.M., and received a hearty welcome on behalf of the lodge by Wor. Bro. F. F. Long. A second degree was conferred with musical ritual on a good candidate. The work was well and creditably done by Wor. Bro. Long and officers. On this occasion I had the honor on behalf of the officers and brethren of the lodge, of presenting the immediate Past Master, Wor. Bro. George Atwell with the Past Master's Jewel.

Madoc Lodge, No. 48, Madoc. I visited this lodge at a special meeting on May 15th, accompanied by District Secretary, Rt. Wor. Bro. H. F. Ketcheson, V. Wor. Bro. John McIntosh, Wor. Bro. H. Morran and several other brethren of the various Belleville Lodges. We were received on this occasion by a large number of members and visitors, among those present were Wor. Bro. Gladney, Marmora Lodge, Marmora, and Wor. Bro. Kemp, Georgina Lodge, Toronto. The First Degree was conferred on a good candidate in a very satisfactory manner by Wor. Bro. Dr. S. Gayleson and officers. This lodge possesses several old Masonic Relics, among them a portrait of their first Wor. Master and a Judge dated 1851.

Marmora Lodge, No. 202, Marmora. On May 28th I visited this lodge and was introduced by Wor. Bro. Rev. W. P. Woodger. I received a very hearty welcome from Wor. Bro. C. W. Gladney on behalf of the lodge.

There was a splendid turnout of the members and visitors, among those present were Rt. Wor. Bro. Rev. Pickford, P.D.D.G.M., V. Wor. Bro. John McIntosh and a large number of Past Masters from various lodges of the District. The First Degree was conferred in a very able and impressive manner, the officers having all the work well in hand.

Star in the East Lodge, No. 164, Wellington. This lodge I visited May 29th at which there was a splendid gathering of members and visitors. I was accompanied by several of the brethren from Belleville, and was introduced by Wor. Bro. W. N. Fitzgerald and courteously received by Wor. Bro. G. F. Green, the officers and brethren. There was no degree work ready. The lodge was opened and closed in the several degrees in a creditable manner. A pleasing feature of the evening was the examination of a brother as to his proficiency in the work of the third degree in which he was exceedingly well skilled. This is a requirement of this lodge that before a brother secures his apron he must have the work in a manner satisfactory to the lodge.

Dedication

Craig Lodge, No. 401, Deseronto. On June 8th the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master dedicated the

beautiful new lodge room and the adjoining appointments of the above lodge in his very efficient and capable manner.

The Grand Master was accompanied by a large number of the local brethren, who assisted in the ceremony.

I was very pleased to receive the appointment to act on this occasion as the Deputy Grand Master, and among the brethren who filled the other Grand Lodge offices were:—Rt. Wor. Bros. H. F. Ketcheson, G.S.W.; H. J. Clark, G.J.W.; F. D. Diamond, G. Treasurer; Very. Wor. Bros. W. O. Adams, G.D. of C.; J. O. Herity, G.S.; John McIntosh, G.P.; Arthur McGie, G.R.; R. McCruden, G.S. of Works; and Wor. Bro. W. B. Wright, G. Architect. The other various positions were taken by prominent members of the Craft within the District. The Grand Master gave an excellent address in the lodge room pertaining to the ceremony, which was greatly enjoyed by the brethren.

Bancroft Lodge, No. 482, Bancroft. I had the pleasure of visiting this lodge June 11th, was introduced by Wor. Bro. R. F. Deylea and very courteously received on behalf of the officers and members by Wor. Bro. C. W. Mullett. There was a large number of the members present and several visiting brethren who took a very deep interest in the work. The conferring of the third degree was performed by Wor. Bro. C. W. Mullett and his staff of regular officers in a most satisfactory manner.

Franck Lodge, No. 127, Frankford. I attended a Special Communication of Grand Lodge held at Frankford on Wednesday, June 13th, for the purpose of assisting in laying the corner stone of the new Methodist Church at Stockdale and was accompanied by V. Wor. Bro. R. H. McCrudden, G.S. of Works. We were privileged and honored on this occasion by the presence of the Deputy Grand Master, Rt. Wor. Bro. W. J. Drope and the Grand Secretary, Rt. Wor. Bro. W. M. Logan. The very impressive ceremony was performed in a most able and efficient manner by Rt. Wor. Bro. Drope,

Deputy Grand Master and Rt. Wor. Bro. W. M. Logan, Grand Secretary, assisted by prominent members of the Craft throughout the District. The music which was of exceptionally high order was provided by the Masonic Choir of United Lodge, No. 29, Brighton. The ceremony was deeply appreciated by the large number of members and visitors present, who also enjoyed the splendid addresses delivered by Rt. Wor. Bro. Drope and Rt. Wor. Bro. Logan.

Moirs Lodge, No. 11, Belleville; The Belleville Lodge, No. 123, Belleville; Eureka Lodge, No. 283, Belleville. On Sunday, June 24th, attended Divine Service with the brethren of above lodges, held at Holloway St. Methodist Church. There was an exceptionally large number of members and visitors present. Bro. Rev. Jas. P. Wilson, D.D., delivered an eloquent address, which will long be remembered by the brethren.

The musical numbers which also featured the service were of high order.

In conclusion I wish to thank the brethren who accompanied me on my visits to the various lodges.

I also desire to again express my thanks to the brethren of the district for their many courtesies and kindnesses extended to me during the year, which has been a most pleasant one and I bespeak for my successor the same loyal support and friendship that has been bestowed upon me.

Fraternally submitted,

R. A. BACKUS, D.D.G.M.,

Prince Edward District, No. 13.

FRONTENAC DISTRICT No. 14

To the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master, Officers and Members of Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M., of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:—

Herewith I have the honour to present my report on the condition of Masonry in this the 14th Masonic District, and first desire to express my sincere appreciation of the honour conferred on me by the brethren in electing me as the representative of the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master, in this District.

On my visits to the various lodges I was received in the most courteous way—a true Masonic welcome always being extended, and many kindnesses were shown me. The spirit in which I was received and the receptions tendered me was always regarded as a manifestation of the loyalty of the brethren to our Grand Master, Most Worshipful Bro. Ponton, who is held in the highest esteem by all of the brethren.

Masonry in this District during the past year has shown a steady, healthy progress. On October 27th, the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, assisted by present and past Grand Lodge Officers, Constituted and Consecrated Royal Edward Lodge, No. 585, in the city of Kingston. This lodge numbers among its members many of the prominent citizens of Kingston, and is assured of a bright future. Most Worshipful Bro. Ponton at the conclusion of the ceremonies delivered a most able and eloquent address on the Aims and Ideals of Masonry, which was much appreciated.

On Jan. 26th, I had the privilege and pleasure of Instituting Frontenac Lodge in the village of Sharbot Lake. This lodge has as its first Wor. Master, Bro. M. R. Reid, School Inspector for the Northern Counties of Frontenac and Lennox, and he is a most capable officer and the lodge is in good hands. At the Institution Ceremony I had the assistance of my predecessor, Rt. Wor. Bro. P. H. Burke and Wor. Bro. R. B. Gilbert of Leeds Lodge, and their services are hereby gratefully acknowledged.

It is a pleasure to report that the brethren of Kingston have completed the purchase of the Congregational Church there, for a Masonic Temple, at a cost, when ready for occupancy, of \$30,000.00. Necessary alterations are being made and it is expected that the Dedication Ceremony will take place in the fall. The brethren of Kingston are to be highly congratulated on the success of their efforts to secure adequate quarters for the brethren, and a Temple in keeping with the requirements of the city. The spirit of co-operation has long prevailed among the Kingston brethren and in the arranging and carrying out of the purchase, this spirit of co-operation has been evidenced to a marked degree.

During my term of office I visited all of the lodges of the District with the exceptions of Lorne, No. 404, Tamworth, St. Andrews, No. 497 Arden, and Frontenac, U.D., Sharbot Lake. Rt. Wor. Bro. Burke visited these lodges and reports everything as being in a satisfactory condition. Rt. Wor. Bro. Burke during the past year has given me the benefit of his experience and the assistance given has been much appreciated.

The spirit of harmony prevails throughout the District. The officers are all doing good work and are ever keeping the high ideals of Masonry before the brethren.

My thanks are due and are hereby tendered to the brethren of Leeds Lodge who have ably supported me, and, if I may particularize, I would mention Wor. Bros. R. B. Gilbert, W. V. Battams and R. J. Webster. These brethren, with many others, accompanied me on almost all of my visits—sometimes with inconvenience to themselves, thereby demonstrating the true Masonic teaching—Service.

The year that is now past will always bring back pleasant recollections. My circle of acquaintance has been widened and friendships have been formed that will, I hope, last always, and while I feel that I have not done as much for Masonry as I would like, I am frank to acknowledge that Masonry has done much for me, and I am truly grateful.

To my successor I bespeak the same co-operation, good will and courteous treatment that was accorded me.

Fraternally submitted,

A. L. LOTT, D.D.G.M.,
Frontenac District No. 14.

ST. LAWRENCE DISTRICT No. 15

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M., of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:—

I have the honor to submit my report of the condition of Masonry in St. Lawrence District No. 15, as I have observed it during my year of office, as the Representative of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master. I do not propose to take up time and space in reporting each and every visit made to the various lodges of the district, but rather to give a general outline of what has been accomplished with special reference to what I regard as the outstanding events of the year just ended.

I approached the duties of D.D.G.M. fully conscious of the great responsibility connected therewith, and with a certain amount of fear lest I should not be able to measure up to the high standard of those who have preceded me, but I trust from the kind and very generous support accorded me by Past Grand Officers throughout the whole year that I have accomplished something at least which will make for the advancement of masonry in this district.

I visited every lodge in the district and wish here to acknowledge with much appreciation every assistance given me by Past District Deputies, as well as the many courtesies shown me by the officers and members of the lodges I visited.

Generally speaking I found the officers doing their work in a very efficient manner, aside from the little nervousness which is usually occasioned by a visit from a Grand Lodge Officer, I decided that with one or two exceptions they knew their work. One Worshipful Master, however, seemed very much at sea even in opening and closing his lodge, while one Senior Warden would have done his lodge a service by sitting on one of the side chairs. I did not hesitate to point out in these cases the injustice done a lodge by either incapable or indifferent

officers, and also the importance to the lodge of starting the proper men in the junior offices so that no hard feeling might arise from having to drop an inefficient officer who felt that he was entitled to advancement.

The lodges in the towns are opened promptly but those of the villages and rural sections, owing to the fact that the officers are for the most part farmers and live many miles from the lodge room, are often very late in getting to work. These latter lodges work under a handicap which it is impossible to overcome. In the case of one of these the master and his wardens and most of his assistant officers live a distance of eight or ten miles from where the lodge is held, and on the night of my visit, owing to the bad condition of the roads, had to drive a round-about distance of seventeen miles. We were three-quarters of an hour late in opening the lodge, but I am pleased to state that this master and his officers put on a degree in a manner not excelled in most of the older and more prosperous lodges of the district.

Everywhere a goodly number of past masters still maintain an active interest in the work; a fact which contributes in no small degree to the stability and progress of the lodges. I am glad to report that harmony and a truly Masonic feeling prevail throughout the entire district. During the whole year I have had only one reported case of disagreement, and this was easily adjusted by the member concerned taking his demit in the regular way and withdrawing from the lodge.

Recently there has been a slight falling off in the number of applications for membership in the smaller lodges, but this should not be viewed with any great amount of concern, as I take it as the "ebb" following the "flow" of the last few years. Money has been not so plentiful owing to the fall in prices of produce but with a return to normalcy in both buying and selling prices I feel that this matter will adjust itself.

Lodge rooms, furniture and lodge books are generally well kept. An adequate amount of insurance is maintained and financially the lodges are on a sound basis.

There is a movement in some of the lodges to secure their own property and thus become independent of outsiders for their "home." This is a healthy sign, for it is bound to stimulate interest in the work of the lodge. During the year two fine temples have been dedicated to Free Masonry.

At Brockville on May 4th it was my privilege to assist the Grand Master in dedicating the beautiful new temple recently purchased there and remodelled by Sussex and Salem Lodges. It was a historic event in the life of these two lodge. They now have a "home" not excelled by any other in the district and by few even in the larger cities of the Province.

At North Augusta on May 16th I dedicated for the Grand Master the new rooms and community hall of Crystal Fountain Lodge. Bad roads and bad weather did not prevent a very large attendance, as both lodge room and banquet hall were taxed to capacity. The brethren of Crystal Fountain are to be congratulated on the success which they have achieved as their building will be not only a home for the lodge, but a social centre for that section of the district. I was assisted in the ceremony by many Past Grand Officers and Past Masters, for whose kindness and assistance I am very much indebted.

The Past Masters' and Wardens' Association organized some few years ago continues to play an important part in all matters of interest to the district. On June 20th it met in Kemptville and was banquetted by Mt. Zion Lodge. Most of the lodges were well represented, there being over eighty members present. The various notices of motion before the Grand Lodge were freely discussed as were also questions of more immediate concern to St. Lawrence District.

In conclusion let me say that all through my term of office I have endeavored to acquaint the Masons of this district with the doings of Grand Lodge and to make them feel their responsibilities to the body, through the representatives they send to it. As far as possible I discussed the various propositions to be taken up at the

next annual communication so that delegates could speak and vote intelligently upon them. The year has been one of pleasure to myself and I trust of profit to district which it has been my proud privilege to serve. To Bro. W. M. Croskery I wish to extend my sincere appreciation of the assistance he rendered me as District Secretary. He has been of real service to me during my term of office.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

R. A. PATTERSON, D.D.G.M.,

St. Lawrence District No. 15.

OTTAWA DISTRICT No. 16

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers, and Members of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:—

I have the honour to submit my report in accordance with Section 77 of the Constitution.

Immediately upon my return from Grand Lodge, I addressed a circular letter to all the lodges in the District, apprising them of my election as D.D.G.M., and expressing my deep appreciation of the great honour.

During the year, I have personally visited all the lodges in the district with the exception of Bonnechere Lodge, Eganville. I was unable to attend a meeting of this lodge as, on the date arranged for my visit, I found it necessary to be absent from Ottawa. Rt. Wor. Bro. E. S. Macphail kindly attended in my stead.

The outstanding event in the District during the year was the visit to Ottawa of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, for the purpose of constituting and consecrating Defenders Lodge, No. 590 and Rideau Lodge, No. 595, on the 23rd and 24th of October, respectively. These meetings were very largely attended. In making the necessary arrangements, I had the very able assistance of Wor. Bro. E. J. McCleery, who acted as Grand Director of Ceremonies on each occasion.

Early in the Fall of 1922, a second lodge room was opened in the Temple at Ottawa. This additional accommodation was very much needed on account of the recent increase in the number of lodges in the City. Lounging quarters have also been provided, and a Masonic Library established. The nucleus of the library consists of books and magazines which were formerly available to the brethren of the City, but which of recent years have been in storage on account of lack of accommodation. Already the library has been added to by contributions from a number of brethren, and, no doubt, it will in time become in every way worthy of the Craft in the City.

During the winter months of the year the Past Masters' Association, of which Wor. Bro. Geo. H. Clark

is President, held a series of Sunday afternoon meetings in the Temple at Ottawa, when addresses were delivered by qualified brethren on subjects of interest to the Craft. These meetings proved to be very successful and were much appreciated by those who were able to attend.

At Christmas time an entertainment was given by the Ottawa Lodges for widows and children of deceased members of the Craft. This was undertaken on the suggestion of Rt. Wor. Bro. D. A. Esdale, and was so successful as to justify the continuance of the practice in the future.

The Builders, No. 177, my Mother Lodge, extended an invitation to the lodges outside of the City to attend its meeting on the 12th of April. The attendance was most gratifying, representatives being present from the following lodges:—Enterprise, No. 516; Cobden, No. 459; Russell, No. 479; Goodwood, No. 159; Renfrew, No. 122; Madawaska, No. 196, and others. A very pleasant and profitable evening was spent.

As to the condition of Masonry in this District, I have no hesitation in reporting that all is satisfactory. The year has not been one of as rapid growth as during the past three or four years. This is no doubt due to the depression in business, which now prevails throughout the country.

The officers of all the lodges, without exception, are able to put on the degree work according to the requirements. I did not find it necessary to draw attention to any deliberate failure to follow the forms laid down by Grand Lodge. It is true that the same degree of excellence was not always shown, but in every case it was plainly evident that a sincere effort was being made to carry out the degree work correctly and impressively.

As far as I have been able to ascertain, the financial affairs of all the lodges are in a satisfactory condition. Receipts from initiation fees, especially, have in some cases been below expectations, but this has been in some degree met by the curtailment of expenditures and a greater effort to collect arrears. I have found the secretaries of all the lodges capable in the performance of their duties, and always courteous and punctual in the correspondence carried on with them.

In the death of Rt. Wor. Bro. Geo. S. May, which took place suddenly on the 28th of December, while he was engaged in a game of curling, the District lost an indefatigable worker. The death of Rt. Wor. Bro. H. P. Macdonnell, an old member of Civil Service Lodge, and a Charter Member of St. Andrews Lodge, No. 560, was also keenly felt. In the person of Rt. Wor. Bro. R. W. Kenning, who died in September, Pembroke Lodge lost a member who was highly esteemed by all who knew him.

Official Visits.

Enterprise Lodge, No. 516, Beachburg, was visited on October 2nd. Wor. Bro. C. H. Collins and his officers conferred the second degree in such a manner as to preclude any criticism. Among the visitors present were Wor. Bro. M. H. Winter, of Renfrew, Wor. Bro. Thos. Smith, of Cobden, and a large delegation from Pembroke, including V. Wor. Bro. J. C. Stewart.

St. Johns Lodge, No. 63, Carleton Place. I made my visit to this lodge on October 15th, accompanied by Rt. Wor. Bro. M. R. MacFarlane. Two first degrees were conferred. Wor. Bro. J. H. Bond and his officers were well up in the work. The lodge is fortunate in having as its secretary, Rt. Wor. Bro. D. H. McIntosh.

Chaudiere Lodge, No. 264, Ottawa. The date of my visit to this lodge was October 31st, when the third degree was exemplified by Wor. Bro. John Barlow, and his officers, in an excellent manner. Many Past Grand Lodge Officers and Ruling Masters, were present; also, as special guests, Wor. Bro. H. H. Shepherd and members of Russell Lodge, No. 479. On behalf of the lodge, I presented a Past Master's Jewel to Wor. Bro. G. B. Peterkin. On December 11th, a Past Master's Night was held, with Rt. Wor. Bro. W. M. Ross in the chair. On this occasion a set of Grand Lodge regalia was presented to V. Wor. Bro. James A. Reid, a Past Grand Steward, a much deserved recognition.

On April 24th, the chairs, for the conferring of a first degree, were occupied by Past Grand Lodge Officers, with Rt. Wor. Bro. E. S. Macphail presiding. The lodge held an enjoyable At Home on April 9th. As will be noted, this is a very active lodge, whose members never fail to look after those in need of assistance and comfort.

Renfrew Lodge, No. 122, Renfrew. This lodge was visited on November 6th. Wor. Bro. M. H. Winter and officers conferred the first degree in a very pleasing manner. They were splendidly assisted by the choir under the leadership of Wor. Bro. E. L. Rowan-Legge. I felt greatly honoured by the presence of Rt. Wor. Bro. David Barr, who still takes an active interest in the lodge. Renfrew Lodge has a splendid membership. The death of Wor. Bro. J. McN. Austin in October is a great loss to the lodge.

Evergreen Lodge, No. 209, Lanark. Date of visit November 7th. The first degree was conferred on two candidates, Wor. Bro. A. E. Brown being assisted by Wor. Bro. W. K. Fair, the I.P.M. All the officers did their work well, especially the J.W., Bro. James Macdonald. This lodge has improved in its work, and during the year has had a considerable number of candidates. Wor. Bro. Chris. Forbes very kindly accompanied me from Perth, and materially assisted in making the evening the success it was.

The Lodge of Fidelity, No. 231, Ottawa, was visited on November 21st. Wor. Bro. S. W. Canniff and his officers worked the first degree in an excellent manner. The attendance was large. At the banquet table, Rt. Wor. Bro. S. S. Davidson proposed the toast to Grand Lodge, in his usual able manner. On behalf of the lodge, I presented a P.M.'s. jewel to Wor. Bro. H. M. Butler. This lodge is fortunate in having Bro. W. A. Perry as organist. I assisted Rt. Wor. Bro. S. S. Davidson in installing the officers for the year 1923-24.

The Builders, No. 177, Ottawa, was visited on the 8th of December. This being my mother lodge, I anticipated the event with more than the usual amount of pleasure, and was not disappointed in the heartiness of my reception. The manner in which Wor. Bro. D. P. Bateman and his officers put on the first degree indicated the careful preparation which had been made. On behalf of the lodge, Rt. Wor. Bro. E. B. Butterworth presented a P.M.'s. jewel to Wor. Bro. R. E. Cook. Bro. Butterworth is a member of over fifty-five years standing and continues to attend regularly. It was my pleasant duty to install the officers for the ensuing year.

Dalhousie Lodge, No. 52, Ottawa. My visit to this lodge, on the 2nd of January, was made under very sad circumstances, as its Treasurer, Rt. Wor. Bro. G. S. May, was laid in his last resting place only the day before. Bro. May, who passed away very suddenly on the 28th of December, was one of the most active Masons in the City, and his loss is a severe one. Under the circumstances, the lodge was immediately closed after Wor. Bro. C. P. Tilley conferred a first degree. The work was well done by all taking part. During the evening I read a letter from the Most Worshipful the Grand Master conveying his sympathy to the lodge, which was deeply appreciated. Dalhousie is the largest lodge in the District, and has had many years of uninterrupted prosperity. Assisted by R.W. Bro. J. C. Scott I installed its officers on the 24th of June.

Madawaska Lodge, No. 196, Arnprior. I visited this lodge on the 8th of January, accompanied by Wor. Bro. R. E. Cook. Wor. Bro. T. S. Church had previously occupied the chair of this lodge, and showed by the manner he went through the ceremony of the first degree that he has retained his interest in the work. He has a capable staff of officers. Bro. R. H. Laughlin delivered the J.W's. lecture in a very impressive manner.

St. Andrews Lodge, No. 560, Ottawa. This lodge was visited on the 18th of January, when the first degree was exemplified by Wor. Bro. Donnell, and his officers, in an excellent manner. The banquet and entertainment which followed were altogether Scotch in character. Bro. R. B. Whyte delivered a very able address on the Life and Character of Robert Burns. St. Andrews is one of the new lodges. It has an active and keen membership, and is fast forging ahead.

Ashlar Lodge, No. 564, Ottawa. I paid my visit to this lodge on the 20th of January. The first degree was excellently put on by Wor. Bro. Robt. Ingram and officers. On behalf of the lodge, I presented a locket to I.P.M., Wor. Bro. W. G. Esdale. At the banquet table, an inspiring address was delivered by Bro. J. W. Woodside on Canadian Citizenship. Ashlar is one of the new lodges. Its success is assured. I installed its officers for the ensuing year, on the 2nd of June.

Mississippi Lodge, No. 147, Almonte. On my visit to this lodge on the 2nd of February, I was accompanied by Rt. Wor. Bro. E. S. Macphail. The first degree was faultlessly rendered by Wor. Bro. John Lindsay and the other officers of the lodge, after which a very pleasant social hour was spent. This is Rt. Wor. R. M. MacFarlane's lodge. It has much musical talent, and its affairs are carried on with an enthusiasm worthy of emulation.

Cobden Lodge, No. 459, Cobden. I visited this lodge on the 13th of February. A number of brethren from Pembroke were present, also, Wor. Bro. J. K. Rochester, of Renfrew, and others. The first degree was conferred in an entirely satisfactory manner. Wor. Bro. Arthur Collins is not only capable in the performance of the work, but carries on the business of the lodge with despatch.

Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 371, Ottawa. The date of my visit to this lodge was February 23rd. The work of the evening was the first degree, which was excellently put on. Wor. Bro. H. S. Low is a painstaking officer, accurate and impressive in all his efforts. I had the pleasure of presenting, on behalf of the lodge, a P.M.'s jewel to Wor. Bro. H. H. W. Nesbitt. The social part of the evening was very pleasant. The absence of Rt. Wor. Bro. Wm. Northwood, due to illness, was very much regretted.

Pembroke Lodge, No. 128, Pembroke. I visited this lodge on the 1st of March. The visitors included Wor. Bro. H. Ellis, Wor. Bro. H. H. W. Nesbitt and Bro. Scott Ellis, of Ottawa; Wor. Bro. Rochester, of Renfrew, and a large delegation from Cobden Lodge. The second degree was exemplified. Wor. Bro. F. P. Wilson and his officers are in every way proficient. Most Wor. Bro. William White acted as toastmaster of the evening, and, as usual, was a whole host in himself.

Civil Service Lodge, No. 148, Ottawa. My visit to this lodge was on the 22nd of March, an emergent meeting. As has been the practice in this lodge for a number of years, the third degree was the work of the evening, with full musical ritual. Needless to say the ceremony was pleasingly put on. Wor. Bro. D. J. Fraser is a capable officer, and the choir, under the leadership of

Wor. Bro. J. W. Bearder, with its many excellent soloists, has lost none of its attractiveness. Rt. Wor. Bro. Thos. Shanks was among those present, and proposed the Toast to Grand Lodge in his usual able manner. I had the honour of installing the officers of this lodge on the 27th of December.

Sidney Albert Luke Lodge, No. 558. The date of my visit was the 28th of March. Wor. Bro. B. E. Gamble and officers put on the first degree accurately and impressively. In this lodge, one meets many Past Masters of other City Lodges, all taking an active interest in it. The banquet and entertainment which followed were of a high order. No. 558 is in every way worthy of the brother after whom it is called. Assisted by Rt. Wor. Bro. W. M. Ross I had the pleasure of installing the officers of this lodge in January.

Doric, No. 58, Ottawa. My visit was on the 6th of April. The first degree was exemplified. Wor. Bro. W. A. Armstrong is capable and painstaking, and his officers leave nothing wanting. Doric's Secretary, Wor. Bro. J. A. Ross, is proficient to the highest degree, and its business is well conducted. I had the pleasure of installing the officers of this lodge for the current year, in which I was assisted by Rt. Wor. Bros. C. W. Jeffrey and E. S. Macphail.

Ionic Lodge, No. 526, Westboro. My visit was on the 11th of April. The gathering was a large one. Wor. Bro. J. H. Carkner and officers conferred the first degree in a very capable manner. This lodge is on a sound financial basis, and its business affairs are well looked after by its secretary, V. Wor. Bro. Thos. Saunders. The banquet was a very enjoyable affair. The address of the evening was delivered by Bro. H. C. Hocken, of Toronto. Rt. Wor. Bro. F. A. Heney was present and many brethren from the City. A P.M.'s. jewel was presented to Wor. Bro. P. E. Watters.

Acacia Lodge, No. 561, Westboro. My visit to this lodge on the 27th of April was another successful affair. Wor. Bro. A. H. Holloway and his officers worked the first degree in an excellent manner. After a banquet which did no harm to the reputation of the Westboro brethren, an address was delivered by Bro. E. B. Wylie.

Rt. Wor. Bro. D. A. MacEachern, who, for a second time, is the D.D.G.M. of Ottawa District, Quebec, was present; also, Rt. Wor. Bros. Clark and Loutitt of the same District. Wor. Bro. M. N. Cummings was the recipient of a P.M's. jewel.

Defenders Lodge, No. 590, Ottawa. As above noted this lodge was constituted and consecrated by the Mt. Wor. the G.M., in person, on the 23rd of October. These ceremonies were immediately followed by the Installation of the Officers. I made my official visits to the lodge on the 2nd of May. The first degree was conferred. Wor. Bro. W. C. N. Marriott is a very successful presiding officer. His assistants are all well up in the work, and full of enthusiasm. The prospects of this lodge are entirely satisfactory.

Rideau Lodge, No. 595, Ottawa. This is the youngest lodge of the District. Its Constitution and Consecration took place on the 24th of October, with the M. Wor. the G.M. presiding. Its officers were installed on the same evening. My official visit was made on the 10th of May, when three second degrees were conferred. Wor. Bro. C. F. Winter was Wor. Master of Civil Service Lodge, No. 148, about twenty-five years ago, and has lost none of his former skill. He is surrounded by a staff of officers who are in every way proficient in their duties. Rideau Lodge has so far been very successful, and its prospects are bright.

Carleton Lodge, No. 465, Carp. I made my visit to this lodge on the 25th of May. The large gathering present included Rt. Wor. M. R. MacFarlane with about thirty others from Almonte; Rt. Wor. Bro. F. A. Heney, Rt. Wor. Bro. J. C. Scott, Rt. Wor. Bro. E. S. Macphail and many others from Ottawa and neighbouring lodges. The first degree was exemplified. Wor. Bro. J. S. Ragsdale is not only proficient, but is surrounded by a staff of officers who introduce an individuality into their work, which was much commented upon. The lodge has been handicapped during the past two years on account of the lack of proper accommodation. A new lodge room is, however, in course of construction, which should prove more satisfactory. I expressed the hope

that at an early date the lodge would be able to go ahead with the erection of a hall of its own.

Goodwood Lodge, No. 159, Richmond. I visited this lodge on the 29th of June. This is an old lodge which for many years has done good work. It has a number of Past Masters who are always able and willing to assist the Master. Wor. Bro. L. W. Nixon is a capable officer. The work of the evening was the second degree.

Corinthian Lodge, No. 476, North Gower. I visited this lodge on the 1st of June, when the second degree was conferred by Wor. Bro. W. H. Leach, and his staff of officers. The work was well done. Corinthian is a splendid lodge. Its secretary, Wor. Bro. J. H. Cryderman, is a very efficient officer.

Russell Lodge, No. 479, Russell. My visit to this lodge was on the 4th of June, a holiday and a very wet night. For these reasons and others, the meeting was not up to expectations. The candidate for initiation did not arrive owing to an accident to his motor car, and at my request the Wor. Master, Wor. Bro. J. A. Gamble opened and closed in the several degrees. Russell Lodge is well housed, and has a strong and enthusiastic membership. Many visits are exchanged between it and the City lodges, and they are always enjoyed.

Bonnechere Lodge, No. 433, Eganville. As above stated, I was unable to visit this lodge. Rt. Wor. Bro. Bro. E. S. Macphail, who substituted for me, reports as follows:—

Two years ago it was my pleasant duty to report on the excellence of the Masonic spirit pervading Bonnechere Lodge. When at your request I paid an official visit to this lodge on June 11th I found the same fine spirit present. The first degree was exemplified in a very creditable manner. All the officers were well up in their work. The meeting was graced by the presence of many brethren from Cobden, Renfrew and Pembroke.

Hazeldean Lodge, No. 517, Hazeldean. My visit was on the 27th of June. There were many brethren present from the City and neighboring lodges, including an excellent choir under Bro. C. J. L. Rickwood. The second degree was exemplified. Wor. Bro. G. P. McCaffrey and his officers did the work in a highly satisfactory manner. Three of the Past Masters assisted, namely, Wor. Bros. Grazie, Logan and McCormick. The way in which the candidate was prepared was the subject of much favourable comment. Hazeldean has a rather restricted territory, but its affairs are on a sound basis.

Before closing my report, I must express my sincere thanks for the cordiality with which I was received by my brethren on all occasions, and for the many courtesies extended to me. I am indebted to many brethren for assistance given me in the carrying out of my duties. Space will not permit the naming of them all, but two must be mentioned, namely, Rt. Wor. Bros. M. R. MacFarlane and E. S. Macphail, who, throughout the year, were constantly at my back.

Fraternally submitted,

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Ottawa District No. 16.

ALGOMA DISTRICT No. 17

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren,—

It is with great pleasure that I submit, for your consideration, my report on the condition of Masonry in Algoma District No. 17 for the year just ending.

First, I desire to again express my sincere thanks to the brethren for the honour they bestowed upon me in electing me to that high and important office of District Deputy Grand Master of this district. I have endeavoured to fulfil the duties as the representative of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master to the best of my ability and with a full appreciation of the confidence placed in me by the brethren and of the responsibility of the office.

I have visited every Lodge in the district once and some of them more than my official visit. I am pleased to report that Masonry throughout the whole district is in a very bright and prosperous condition and that perfect harmony prevails within its borders.

The Worshipful Masters and officers of the different Lodges are capable and zealous in the discharge of their duties. I gave instructions in the work where it was necessary and can say that the work in this district is of a high standard and uniform condition.

The Secretaries, in most, cases, are very efficient in their work and are to be commended in the manner in which the records of the different Lodges are kept. Some of the Lodges elect a new secretary every year. Others elect a Past Master as secretary and in many such cases, years go by before another change is made. This I think is the better plan.

During all my visits to the Lodges, whether official or unofficial, I was received with that brotherly courtesy and honour by the Worshipful Masters and brethren that will ever be remembered by me.

At all my official visits and at other opportune times, I brought before the attention of the different

Lodges the proposed Masonic Home, Hospital and School, and I can assure you that whatever is done, you will find that the Lodges and brethren of this district will nobly do their part, for the general feeling throughout the district is that we should have a Masonic Institution of this nature in this fair Province of ours.

I also spoke on different points, at all meetings, in regard to Grand Lodge and of the Lodges in the district, and at the close gave a short talk on some Masonic subject.

In the twin cities of Port Arthur and Fort William we have a very strong and active Past Masters' Association with a membership of about 70 members. In it we have some of the most faithful and energetic Past Masters who are doing a great and noble service for the Craft. They pay an annual visit to each of the Lodges where some member delivers an address on some important and interesting Masonic subject. On some of their visits the Past Masters are called upon to do the work of the evening. I am pleased to note that one of the recommendations for my predecessor has been acted upon in the formation of a Past Masters' Association at Fort Frances.

One of the most important and leading events of the year was the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge held last July at the Head of the Lakes. Coupled with this, the fact, that, during the last few years this district has been honoured with a visit from the different Grand Masters during their term of office. This has done much toward adding more enthusiasm and new life to Masonry in this district.

On September 12th I performed my first official duty, acting under instructions from the Most Worshipful the Grand Master. I constituted and consecrated Kaministiquia Lodge No. 584, Fort William, according to ancient usages and customs of the Craft and installed the officers. I was ably assisted by Rt. Wor. Bro. A. R. Mills, Rt. Wor. Bro. F. C. Perry, Very Wor. Bro. A. Rome, Rt. Wor. Bro. A. J. Bruce, Rt. Wor. Bro. F. B. Allen, Rt. Wor. Bro. Fred Symes, Rt.

Wor. Bro. M. J. Francis, Rt. Wor. Bro. J. T. Hollinshead and a number of other Rt. Worshipful, Very Worshipful and Worshipful brethren.

On October 14th I forwarded to the Most Worshipful the Grand Master a petition asking for a dispensation for the formation of a new Lodge at Port Arthur to be known as "Thunder Bay Lodge", signed by Very Wor. Bro. C. S. McComb, George G. Milne and H. S. Chase, and twenty-seven other brethren. The Most Worshipful the Grand Master granted the dispensation. On November 23rd I instituted Thunder Bay Lodge and was assisted by Rt. Wor. Bro. W. C. Dobie, Rt. Wor. Bro. Rev. A. J. Bruce, Very Wor. Bro. A. Rome, Rt. Wor. Bro. F. B. Allen and Wor. Bro. R. L. Bell and other Worshipful brethren, when we started another Masonic Lodge upon its career under very favourable circumstances. I wish to express my sincere thanks to those brethren who so kindly assisted me on those occasions.

On May 9th I forwarded to the Most Worshipful the Grand Master a petition signed by a number of brethren at Emo, Ontario, praying for a dispensation which was not granted.

Official Visits.

My official visit to Shuniah Lodge No. 287, Port Arthur, was made on the evening of February 6th when a regular meeting of the Lodge was held. This is the Mother Lodge of the district and everything is progressing very satisfactory under the guiding hand of the Worshipful Master. F. C. Graham, and supported by a strong line of Past Masters who are of a great value to the Lodge. This Lodge does no work on regular meetings but devotes part of its time to the social side of Masonry. No degrees were conferred, but I am assured that the work of this Lodge is of a high standing. A large number of brethren were present. Shuniah Lodge is housed in a beautiful temple. Wor. Bro. Freed, the secretary, has the books in A1 shape. The prospects of the Lodge are of the best.

My visit to Connaught Lodge No. 511, Fort William, was made on February 19th, at a regular meet-

ing of the Lodge. I found a splendid attendance of brethren some of whom were visitors from outside the twin cities. Visitors are always made to feel at home in Connaught Lodge. The work of the evening was an E. A. Degree which was performed in a creditable and impressive manner by the Worshipful Master, Bro. Bayliff, and his officers. They do their work splendidly. The J. W. rendered his work in good style. The Past Masters' Association were paying their annual visit to the Lodge the same evening. It was indeed a great pleasure to me that our visits so happened to be on the same evening. The books are well looked after by the Secretary, Rt. Wor. Bro. Rev. A. J. Bruce. The future of the Lodge looks bright.

On the evening of March 6th I made my official visit to Granite Lodge No. 446, Fort Frances. I was introduced by Rt. Wor. Bros. Holland and Walker and was given a very cordial welcome by the Worshipful Master, Bro. W. W. Wees. There was a good attendance of brethren. I was indeed pleased to meet a number of our American brethren from International Falls. In the East with the Worshipful Master were eleven Past Masters. What a grand support to a Master and a Lodge. The work of the evening was a M. M. Degree which was conferred by Worshipful Bro. Wees, assisted by two of the Past Masters, in a most creditable manner. The splendid music added much to the beauty of the work. The Lodge room in the new Masonic Building is well furnished and comfortable and the brethren of Fort Frances are to be congratulated for their efforts in the building of such a splendid edifice. I had the honour and pleasure in presenting Worshipful Bro. Coombe, the I.P.M., with a Masters' apron. Worshipful Bro. Warner, the veteran secretary, has the books in first-class shape. They have just placed a safe in the Lodge room. The future for this Lodge is very bright.

My official visit to Ionic Lodge No. 461, Rainy River, was made on the evening of March 8th when an emergent meeting of the Lodge was held. I received a right royal Masonic welcome from the Worshipful Master, Bro. G. Ross and brethren. The attendance was fair. No work was done as there was no

candidate eligible. Wor. Bro. Ross opened the Lodge in the three degrees which was done in a manner beyond all criticism. I have every assurance that the work in Ionic Lodge is equally satisfactory. I arrived in Rainy River on the evening of the 7th and very pleasantly spent the next day with Wor. Bro. Ross and his two wardens when a very profitable time was spent. Bright days are ahead for Ionic Lodge. The Lodge room is well furnished and very comfortable. Bro. E. E. Jess, the secretary, has done much for the Lodge and his books are in good shape. I carried away with me many pleasant memories of my visit to Ionic Lodge.

Golden Star Lodge No. 484, Dryden. I officially visited this Lodge on the evening of March 13th when a regular meeting was held. I was given a very cordial welcome by the Worshipful Master, Bro. Matthews. The attendance on this occasion was fair. A number of visitors were present. Wor. Bro. Matthews and his officers conferred a F. C. Degree in a most satisfactory and impressive manner. Golden Star Lodge is progressing very favourably. It was encouraging to see the interest taken by the Past Masters. The brethren of Golden Star Lodge are to be congratulated for their beautiful Lodge room and it has everything that can be desired as regards to furnishing and comforts. Bro. A. J. Clempson has the books in first-class shape. The prospects for Golden Star Lodge are very good.

On March 15th I visited the two Lodges at Kenora, Pequonga No. 414, and Lake of the Woods No. 445, at a joint meeting, which was an emergent meeting for Pequonga and a regular for Lake of the Woods. I received a hearty welcome, and a fair attendance of brethren were present. A F.C. Degree was conferred by officers from both Lodges with Wor. Bro. G. F. Doan, Master of Lake of the Woods Lodge, in the chair. The work was very well rendered. A little nervousness was very noticeable at first but this soon wore away. The meeting was held in the I.O.O.F. hall. I visited the Masonic Lodge room while in Kenora. It is small but comfortably furnished. I was very sorry that I did not meet Wor.

Bro. A. McMeekin, Worshipful Master of Pequonga Lodge, who was called out of town on business. The secretaries, Bro. H. E. Holland and Bro. Teasdale, have their books in good shape. Masonry is progressing very satisfactorily in Kenora. It would be a pleasure to hear of a Past Masters' Association being formed at Kenora.

My official visit to Keewatin Lodge No. 417, Keewatin, was made when an emergent meeting of the Lodge was held on March 15th. I was given a very cordial welcome by the Worshipful Master, Bro. A. B. Johnston. A good attendance of brethren was present. A M.M. Degree was the work of the evening and was conferred by the Worshipful Master in a very impressive manner. It was a pleasure to witness such excellent work. The Past Masters of Keewatin Lodge are active and are doing much for the benefit of the Lodge. The Lodge room is well furnished and is very comfortable, though small. The books of the Lodge are in A-1 shape and reflect much credit on their Worthy Secretary, Bro. F. Bruce. The prospects of the Lodge are of the best. I spent a great part of the day with Wor. Bro. Johnston, who is a host in himself.

I made my official visit to Sioux Lookout Lodge No. 518, Sioux Lookout, at an emergent meeting held on March 21st. I was given a cordial welcome by the Worshipful Master, Bro. W. A. Hill. There was only a fair number of brethren present, but, considering all circumstances, the place being a Railway Town and so many of the members being railway men, it can be considered satisfactory. The work of the evening was a F.C. Degree, and I must congratulate Wor. Bro. W. A. Hill and his officers for the able and excellent manner in which the work was done. This Lodge is in a very encouraging condition. They own their beautiful building and the Lodge room is magnificently furnished. The social side of Masonry is well provided for. I had the honour and pleasure of presenting Wor. Bro. W. T. Cameron during the evening with a beautiful Past Master's jewel. The secretary's books are up to the minute. The prospects for Sioux Lookout Lodge, I believe, are the best.

My official visit to Kaministiquia Lodge No. 584, Fort William, was on the evening of March 26th, when a regular meeting of the Lodge was held. I had the honour of constituting and consecrating this Lodge on the 12th of September. I am pleased to note that this new Lodge has proved its existence and is progressing steadily and very satisfactory. No candidate being available, no degree work was done. Wor. Bro. Grandy and his officers opened and closed the Lodge in the three degrees and in a manner that was beyond all criticism. Rt. Wor. Bro. Fred Symes is an officer of the Lodge and takes a very active part in the work, and under his skillful eye I know the work must be of a high standard. Very Wor. Bro. S. C. Read, the secretary, is well experienced and has the books in fine shape. The attendance was fair and the prospects for Kaministiquia Lodge are bright.

My visit to Fort William Lodge No. 415, Fort William, was on March 28th, when an emergent meeting of the Lodge was held. A large number of brethren were present. The work of the evening was a F. C. Degree which the Worshipful Master and his officers conferred in a most pleasing manner. What added much to the beauty of the degree was the silence which was so evident while the work was being performed. The brethren are to be commended. Bro. Dr. McIntosh gave a most interesting lecture on Astronomy. Needless to say it was enjoyed very much by all present. It was a real treat. Early in the winter the Temple building was visited by a fire which did considerable damage to the building. It did not reach the Blue room on the upper floor, the only damage done there was by smoke. Ample insurance was carried. The books are in the hands of a very efficient secretary, Wor. Bro. C. E. Coombes, and are in good shape. Prospects for Fort William Lodge are excellent.

My official visit to Thunder Bay Lodge, U.D., Port Arthur, was on the evening of April 5th when a regular meeting of the Lodge was held. I had the honour and pleasure of Instituting this Lodge on November 23rd under most favourable circumstances and was pleased to note the healthy progress it has made. The Lodge is in good hands. The prospect

for this, the baby Lodge, is exceedingly bright. The attendance was fair, notwithstanding counter attractions in the city that evening. Very Wor. Bro. McComb and his officers conferred an E.A. Degree in a faultless and impressive manner. This Lodge is to be commended very highly in presenting a beautifully bound copy of the V.O.T.S.L. which is suitably inscribed, to each brother initiated therein. Bro. Matthews, the secretary, has the books in fine shape. It will be a pleasure for me to recommend to the Most Worshipful the Grand Master that a warrant be granted to Thunder Bay Lodge.

My official visit to Royal Lodge, No. 453, Fort William, was made on the evening of April 18th, when an emergent meeting of the Lodge was held. A large number of brethren and visitors were present. It afforded me great pleasure to find that the Past Masters' Association were paying their annual visit to Royal Lodge. The work for this meeting was a F.C. Degree and was conferred by the members of the Past Masters' Association in a very pleasing manner and was everything that could be desired and speaks well of the interest taken in the work by them. Wor. Bro. G. Hartley gave a lecture illustrated by lantern slides of some of the famous cathedrals of England which was thoroughly enjoyed by those present. The books of the Lodge are in first-class shape, under the able services of Rt. Wor. Bro. F. C. Perry, who I understand has held this office for over twenty-one years. The future looks excellent for Royal Lodge.

My official visit to Port Arthur Lodge No. 499. Port Arthur, was on April 23rd, when an emergent meeting of the Lodge was held. This being my Mother Lodge, it is needless to say that I was given a most hearty welcome by the Worshipful Master, Bro. A. C. Wood. A good attendance of brethren were present. The work of the evening was two M.M. Degrees which were conferred by Wor. Bro. Wood, assisted by some Past Masters of the Lodge, in a most creditable and efficient manner. I addressed the brethren, as I did at all my visits, on Masonry. The books are all that can be desired under the able secretary, Very Wor. Bro. A. Rome. I extend to him my heartiest thanks for the valuable assistance he has

rendered to me during my term of office as D.D.G.M. Port Arthur Lodge is growing steadily and the prospects are excellent.

Suggestions and Observations.

That parts of the Proceedings of Grand Lodge should be read at Lodge meetings. Many of the Lodges neglect this altogether. How the brethren on the side benches would welcome it.

Some of the Lodges are neglectful in allowing so much unpaid dues to accumulate. This should be given more attention.

The Worshipful Masters should keep the Past Masters working and encourage them to attend the meetings. We need our Past Masters.

That Lodges, if possible, should provide themselves with a fire-proof safe to protect their books and Lodge papers against loss. The Lodge's first minute book—what a priceless treasure as years go by.

In all cases the candidates for advancement passed a very creditable examination.

In conclusion I wish to thank the brethren of the different Lodges in the district for the many acts of kindness and courtesy shown me on all occasions and for the many kind invitations and complimentary tickets for the different Masonic functions.

It is a year ago that I was given the gavel of authority. I now will soon give it over to my successor with pleasure and with regret, for during the year I have renewed old friendships and made many new ones. I have carried away with me from my visits many pleasant memories which I shall never forget. May the Great Architect of the Universe bless the labours of my successor and I bespeak for him the same co-operation as was accorded me. All the knowledge of the work that experience has taught me shall be at his disposal at any time and assuring him he will find a warm welcome awaiting him from every Lodge in the district.

Fraternally submitted,

W. J. FERGUSON,

D.D.G.M. 17th Masonic District.

NIPISSING DISTRICT No. 18

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren,—

I have the honor to present herewith my report on the condition of Masonry in Nipissing District No. 18 for the past Masonic year.

Before doing so, however, I desire to express to the brethren of the district my very great appreciation of the honor done me and my mother Lodge in electing me to this high and important office, and to thank the P.D.D.G.Ms. of the district, the W.Ms. of the various Lodges as well as many of the P.Ms., for their hearty co-operation which assisted me greatly in carrying out my official duties. If any measure of success has attended me, it is largely due to this sympathetic co-operation, which was a tower of strength, and an incentive to do one's best.

The brethren of the 18th District were deeply moved by the appalling disaster that befell their brethren in the 22nd District when so large a portion of that district was wiped out in the terrible holocaust that swept over it in October. Since this 22nd District was only separated from the 18th in the last rearrangements of the districts, I felt that if only an opportunity were given that the 'Good Fellows' of the 18th would cheerfully and gladly contribute to the relief of their stricken brethren. I at once opened a fund and in very short time was able to forward to R. W. Bro. McAulay, a P.D.D.G.M. of the old 18th District, the grand total of \$1379.00. This magnificent response to my appeal far exceeded my expectations, but only showed that they had well learned one of the lessons taught early in their Masonic Life.

In November I was called upon to pass through the deep waters of affliction by the death of my dear wife. The tender expressions of sympathy that were sent me by every Lodge in the district, and the beautiful floral tributes touched me greatly, and will always be remembered by me with the most profound

gratitude. In these two incidents two of the fundamental principles of Masonry, Relief and Brotherly Love, were clearly shown to have been not only grasped, but made a part of the life of my good brethren.

My first official act was to appoint W. Bro. B. F. Nott, District Secretary, and Bro. Rev. Gilbert Oliver, M.C., District Chaplain, the former being a Past Master of Nipissing Lodge No. 420. I desire to extend to both these brethren my sincere thanks for their very able assistance so cheerfully given during my term of office.

On September 7th I entered upon my official duties by proceeding to Capreol for the purpose of constituting, consecrating and dedicating National Lodge No. 588 and installing the officers. In these impressive ceremonies I was ably assisted by a number of Past Grand Lodge officers, and other Past Masters of Nickel Lodge, Sudbury, and Nipissing Lodge, North Bay, and for this assistance I am deeply grateful. The brethren of National Lodge are real live wires, and their officers men deeply imbued with a love of their work. They should be a power for good in the community.

On September 25th I visited Nickel Lodge, Sudbury, unofficially to assist in welcoming the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master, and the Right Worshipful, the Grand Secretary. The brethren of Sudbury and Copper Cliff lived up to their reputation as excellent hosts, and gave the distinguished visitors a very enjoyable day. W. Bro. Berlanquet and his officers conferred a first degree in an excellent manner, and at the conclusion the M.W., the Grand Master, presented the candidate to the brethren in a very unique manner.

On September 26th I accompanied the distinguished visitors back to North Bay, where they were the honored guests of my Mother Lodge, Nipissing. As at Sudbury, a large number of visiting brethren from surrounding towns joined the local brethren in paying their tribute of honor and respect to these leaders of Masonic thought. W. Bro. McNally and

his officers exemplified a first degree in a faultless manner, and in this work the R. Wor. the Grand Secretary assisted by giving the lecture at the N.E. angle. In the banquet hall, both at Sudbury and North Bay, the brethren were delighted by the magnificent addresses given by the guests of honor who instantly endeared themselves to all present. An added pleasure was the singing of Miss Ponton, who accompanied her illustrious father on his trip through this portion of the jurisdiction. At North Bay the M.W., the Grand Master was presented with a cane and an umbrella as a reminder of his visit to Nipissing Lodge.

A petition having been prepared and presented to the M.W., the Grand Master, and a Dispensation having been granted, I met the officers and members of North Bay Lodge (U.D.), and delivered to them the Dispensation. In this I was assisted by the officers of Nipissing Lodge, and for this assistance I am grateful. North Bay Lodge, under W. Bro. Jno. Jago as W.M., and a charter membership of over 50, starts off very auspiciously, and should give a good account of itself.

On February 12th I officially visited Nipissing Lodge No. 420, and was accompanied by R.W. Bros. N. J. McCubbin and A. C. Rorabeck. There being a considerable amount of sickness in town reduced the attendance, but my reception was none the less hearty. The first degree was conferred by W. Bro. McNally and his officers in their usual finished manner. Owing to the fact that several of the regular officers were absent through illness, I did not ask the W.M. to open and close in the second and third degrees. Since this is my Mother Lodge, and I know that the regular officers are very efficient, I deemed such a request would be a waste of time. The books are in good shape, and Nipissing is to be congratulated on having the dues in such good shape, there being less than a dozen members with dues still outstanding for the year. Because of my recent bereavement I asked to be excused from the social part of the evening, but left my message which was read for me by V. Wor. Bro. J. B. Willis. R. Wor. Bro. A. C. Rorabeck also gave a very interesting talk on 'The Stars' which was greatly appreciated by those present.

On March 27th I visited National Lodge No. 588, Capreol. Here I was accompanied by V. Wor. Bro. A. D. Meldrum of Nickel Lodge, Sudbury, and was accorded a very cordial reception. W. Bro. Cavanagh and his officers exemplified a first degree in a faultless manner. At my request the Lodge was opened in the second and third degrees, and I desire to state that the opinion formed of this Lodge's capable officers when I installed them in September was fully justified, as their work right through was of a high order and not what might have been expected from the youngest registered number in this 18th District. The books were in excellent order, the dues reported well paid up, and in fact everything as it should be. Following the work of the evening an excellent repast was furnished and was thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

On April 3rd I visited Mattawa Lodge No. 405. This Lodge works at a disadvantage in that out of a membership of considerably over a hundred they have only about fourteen resident members. A terrific snow storm was raging on this night which made it difficult for out of town members to get in and the attendance was necessarily small. W. Bro. Lloyd was among those unable to be present, and the chair was occupied by W. Bro. H. H. Betts. There were no degrees but I had the Lodge opened in the three degrees, and gave some instruction in each for the purpose of improving the work. The officers present know the work well, and I found the books well kept, and the dues well in. An enjoyable hour was spent in the banquet hall at the conclusion of the work. I particularly wish to thank the J.W., Bro. C. D. Cowie, for his kind attention to me while at Mattawa.

On April 4th I visited Espanola Lodge No. 527. Here I was accompanied by R. Wor. Bro. LeBaron Dibblee, and was accorded a warm welcome by W. Bro. Chant and the officers and members. The work of the evening was first degree which was put on in an excellent manner. The Lodge was also opened in the second and third degrees, and in the latter, at the request of the W.M., I presented his M.M. apron to a brother who passed a highly satisfactory examina-

tion. At the conclusion we adjourned to the banquet hall to enjoy a turkey supper, provided by the charter members of the Lodge. The occasion was also the 8th anniversary of the Lodge, and a series of very excellent addresses was given by various members of the Lodge, the topics being 'In the beginning', 'Let there be light', 'Fidelity', 'Prudence', and 'Fortitude' and 'Masonry with respect to Citizenship'. These addresses were of a very high order and showed great pains in their preparation. This Lodge is to be congratulated on the calibre of its membership. The books are well kept, dues well collected and everything in excellent order.

On April 12th I visited Sturgeon Falls Lodge No. 447. Here I was accompanied by W. Bro. Dr. Nott, District Secretary, and V. Wor. J. B. Willis, both of Nipissing Lodge. A third degree was conferred by W. Bro. Pedlar and his officers, a number of Past Masters assisting. R. Wor. Bro. Piercy, Past Grand Chaplain and secretary of this Lodge, was not present owing to his having lost his wife earlier in the week. Many expressions of sympathy were tendered him in his bereavement. The books were found well kept and all the details of the office in good condition. This Lodge is doing good work, and has a lot of good material in its membership.

On April 16th I visited Algoma Lodge No. 469, Sault Ste. Marie. Here I was introduced by R. Wor. Bro. H. J. Moorehouse, my predecessor, and was also accompanied by R. Wor. Bro. McCormack. W. Bro. D. Hopper and his officers conferred a first degree in their usual finished style. At my request the Lodge was opened in the second and third degrees with the ease and smoothness that is to be expected. The Lodge records were found to be well kept and right up to the minute. This Lodge, though not so large as Keystone, has attained a very high standard, and should have a very successful future.

On April 17th I visited Keystone Lodge No. 412, Sault Ste. Marie. I was accompanied by R. Wor. Bros. Chas. McCrea, R. H. Knight, W. J. Thompson, J. B. Way and LeBaron Dibblee, all P.D.D.G.Ms. of this district. W. Bro. Harry Workman and his offi-

cers conferred a third degree in a faultless manner and the impressiveness of the work was considerably enhanced by the musical numbers rendered by the choir. Altogether the work of this Lodge was the finest that I witnessed in all my visits. W. Bro. Workman had been indisposed for several days, but carried out his program with great skill. Keystone Lodge should be a tower of strength in its home city, as it undoubtedly is.

On April 18th I visited Dymont Lodge No. 442, Thessalon, where I was introduced by W. Bros. R. C. Dobie and Williams. The work of the evening was the conferring of a second degree, which was fairly well done when we consider that the three principal officers do not reside in the town, but in the country from three to fourteen miles away. W. Bro. White resides in Bruce Mines, and there are no opportunities for rehearsals except on regular meeting nights. On the occasion of my visit the roads were badly blocked with snow, which undoubtedly reduced the attendance. At my request the Lodge was raised to the third degree, and I found that the work of the officers was passable, though possible of improvement. As the Lodge was reduced to the first degree, I offered in each degree such suggestions as I thought would tend to improve their work, and answered numerous questions all pertaining to the same end. The brethren seemed anxious to get as much useful information as I was able to impart, and I have no doubt will make use of the suggestions given them. The books I found well kept, though the amount of outstanding dues is rather large. I advised that an effort be made to have these collected, and the brethren educated to look after this part of their Masonic connection.

On April 19th I visited Penewobikong Lodge No. 487, Blind River, and was introduced by R. Wor. Bro. W. White, one of my predecessors. There being no candidate available, W. Bro. Christilaw and his officers did not confer any degree. I had the Lodge opened in the three degrees, which was done in a satisfactory manner. In each degree I made such comments as I thought could be used in improving the

work. I feel satisfied that the officers of this Lodge could confer any of the degrees in a creditable manner, having in mind that R. Wor. Bro. White is always available, and always willing to lend his valuable assistance when there is work to be done. The books, in the capable hands of Bro. Geo. McArthur, are in good shape, and up to date.

On May 22nd I visited Algonquin Lodge No. 536, Copper Cliff, and was introduced by Bro. H. J. Prettie and W. Bro. Capt. Hambly, and received a very cordial welcome. W. Bro. Tresize and his officers conferred two first degrees in an excellent manner, the Junior officers taking a very important part in the ceremony. I requested that the Lodge be opened in the second and third degrees, which was done very efficiently. The secretary, having been called away on account of sickness, I did not get an opportunity of examining the books, but I was assured that the same were in good shape, and regularly audited according to requirements.

On May 23rd I visited Nickel Lodge No. 427, Sudbury, and was accompanied by R.W. Bro. Jos. Fowler, and introduced by V. Wor. Bro. Orr. The night was extremely warm, but despite that a goodly number were present. W. Bro. Ross and his officers conferred a second degree excellently. At my request the Lodge was raised to the third degree. The work of the evening was of a high order which would seem to indicate that the stalwarts—the Past Masters of Nickel Lodge—still take a keen interest in the work of the Lodge and endeavor to have all work done with smoothness and accuracy. The books are in excellent shape, and all the details of the secretary's office are given careful consideration.

On June 8th I visited North Bay Lodge, U.D., accompanied by W. Bro. Nott, District Secretary, Bro. Rev. G. Oliver, M.C., District Chaplain, and W. Bro. McNally of Nipissing Lodge. We were introduced by Bro. Jones and received a warm welcome. W. Bro. Jago and his officers conferred a third degree in a creditable manner, and on reducing the Lodge I made suggestions in each degree as I deemed were necessary and would be helpful in the working of the de-

gree. I find the officers painstaking and endeavoring to carry on efficiently with the hope that their petition for a warrant, which they are going to submit to the Committee on Warrants at this coming convocation of the Grand Lodge, will be granted. I have recommended that this be done, and feel certain that North Bay Lodge is on a solid foundation, and should, together with Nipissing, make Masonry in North Bay a factor for good.

On June 21st I visited Doric Lodge No. 455, Little Current, and was accompanied by Bro. R. H. Thompson of Nipissing Lodge. I was introduced by W. Bro. Parks and received a very hearty welcome. W. Bro. Grothier and his officers conferred a first degree fairly well. Some of the impressiveness of the work was lost owing to the lighting system failing while the degree was in progress. The Lodge was opened in the second and third degrees, and on being reduced to the first I took the opportunity of offering several suggestions for the betterment of the work. The brethren on the Island are at a disadvantage that they do not have the opportunity of seeing other Lodges work, there being only the two, and these two separated a distance of forty or forty-five miles. I reminded them that this very isolation was an added reason why each officer should endeavor to get up his work absolutely perfect. The books are in good order, and all returns made to date. While Doric Lodge is not as efficient as it might be, I am led to believe that the officers are trying and will try to put on their work with all the skill they can command.

On June 22nd I visited Gore Bay Lodge No. 472, Gore Bay. I was introduced by R. Wor. Bro. A. Graham and received a kind welcome. The night being oppressively warm, and a political meeting being held concurrently, and in the same building, the attendance was somewhat reduced. W. Bro. Smith and his officers conferred a second degree very efficiently. I requested the W.M. to open the Lodge in the third degree, which was done. All the officers seem to be endeavoring to do their work faultlessly. The books are well kept and everything seems to be working very smoothly.

In visiting these different Lodges one cannot help noticing the various degrees of efficiency displayed by the different sets of officers, while on the other hand we must not lose sight of the fact that some have greater opportunities for seeing the work done by others. On the whole I feel that the standard of efficiency in the 18th District is high, and that the traditions of the Craft are being upheld. Masonry is not losing ground in this district, and this is proven by the fact that already arrangements have been completed for the Institution of another Lodge, having Chapleau for a home. The petition has been granted but owing to the fact that they have not yet completed the alterations necessary for Lodge purposes, this petition has been temporarily withheld. It is expected that they will be in readiness about August 1st.

In conclusion I desire to thank the brethren throughout the entire district for their many kindnesses to me as I have visited them. In the majority of cases I went to them an absolute stranger but was not allowed to remain such for very long. This year will always remain in my memory as one of the very happiest of my Masonic life, and in surrendering to my successor my gavel of office, I can only wish for him the same kind and sympathetic support that was given me.

Fraternally submitted,

JAS. A. SMITH, D.D.G.M.,

Nipissing District No. 18.

MUSKOKA DISTRICT No. 19

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren,—

I have the honor to present my report on the condition of Masonry in Muskoka District No. 19 for the past Masonic year. In so doing I desire to express my appreciation of the high honor conferred upon me in electing me as District Deputy Grand Master of this district.

Muskoka District No. 19 is the isthmus of Masonry, geographically speaking, connecting the great agricultural and manufacturing south with the mining and lumbering north. Muskoka, also, being the great tourist section of the Province, the brethren of the Lodges have the honor of associating with and entertaining many distinguished brethren from all parts of Canada and the United States. These visiting brethren are lavish in their praise of the hospitality received and the efficiency of the degree work in the Lodges.

I appointed Wor. Bro. J. E. Bailey, Sundridge, as District Secretary, and Bro. Rev. Wm. Farmer, Chaplain. The strength, efficiency and support of these worthy brethren is greatly appreciated.

Our district suffered heavily in the loss by death of Rt. Wor. Bro. Joseph Edgar, Sundridge, and Rt. Wor. Bro. Richard Mills, Bracebridge. They were among the pioneers of Masonry in Muskoka district and much of our present success is due to the foundations they laid.

Masonic Temples.

Two of our Lodges have just completed new Masonic Temples—Granite Lodge, Parry Sound, and Algonquin Lodge, Emsdale.

Granite Lodge Room is situated on the second floor of the new Masonic Temple and is one of the finest lodge rooms north of Toronto, being large, well

lighted, ventilated, supported by massive pillars and gorgeously decorated and furnished, while the banquet hall with its glowing fireplace charms and welcomes the visitor.

The new Masonic Temple of Algonquin Lodge is modern and exceptionally well constructed and when completely furnished will be a great credit to the Lodge. Great praise is due Wor. Bro. Thaw, who supervised the work.

Pictured History of Muskoka.

Wor. Bro. Harry Linney of Muskoka Lodge No. 360, Bracebridge, prepared and delivered an illustrated lecture on Masonry at various Lodge meetings in the district. Wor. Bro. Linney is also presenting to the eight Lodges in the district three grouped, framed pictures, containing the photographs of the Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of Canada since 1855, the District Deputies since the formation of the district, and the Past Masters of the various Lodges from the time they received their charters. These photographs are to adorn our Lodge rooms and preserve our history. Such a task is one that only men of the perseverance, stability and noble character of Wor. Bro. Linney could accomplish.

Official Visits

Muskoka Lodge No. 360, Bracebridge. On Tuesday, March 6th, 1923, I visited this Lodge. The Wor. Master, J. K. Shier, conferred two second degrees in a very creditable manner. Muskoka Lodge is in good condition. V. Wor. Bro. Warne is the veteran secretary of the Lodge. On this occasion on behalf of the brethren of the Lodge, I had the honor of presenting a Past Master's jewel to Wor. Bro. Hines.

Golden Rule No. 409, Gravenhurst. I visited this Lodge on March 12th, 1923, accompanied by visiting brethren of Muskoka Lodge. Wor. Bro. H. P. Kohn, assisted by Past Masters, conferred the third degree with great proficiency. Golden Rule Lodge is in excellent condition and their splendid new Lodge room is a credit to the brethren. Golden Rule has been greatly strengthened by the untiring services

rendered by Rt. Wor. Bros. Clipsham, MacLeay, Sharp and others.

Granite Lodge No. 352, Parry Sound. I had the privilege of being present at the opening of the new Lodge room and installation of officers in December, 1922, and on March 21st, 1923, I paid my official visit. Wor. Bro. Jackson is a capable master and conferred the third degree in a satisfactory way. Granite Lodge is the oldest and strongest Lodge in our district, having a membership of nearly three hundred. At the banquet which followed, Rt. Wor. Bro. Col. J. H. Knifton presided. The colonel is one of those cultured, educated, English gentlemen, so rarely found, and the prince of entertainers. Rt. Wor. Bro. Limbert, Wor. Bro. Pirie, Cummings and others are active Masons in this Lodge. Wor. Bro. McKinley's removal to Toronto and the death of Wor. Bro. Dr. Stone were severe losses to the Lodge.

Unity Lodge No. 376, Huntsville. I visited this Lodge on April 11th, 1923, and found Wor. Bro. Parker a splendid Master. Unity is a strong Lodge and in excellent condition. The number of distinguished P.D.D.G.Ms., Rice, Grant, Shearer and Fisher and Very Wor. Bros. Gerhart and McClure rendered valuable assistance to the Master.

Powassan Lodge No. 443, Powassan. I had the honor of installing the officers of Powassan Lodge and on my official visit to the Lodge on April 13th, 1923, I found Wor. Bro. Wilson a capable Master and Bro. W. C. Porter a good secretary. Masonry has grown in Powassan and the Lodge is to be complimented on its efficiency which is largely due to the efforts of Rt. Wor. Bro. T. J. Williams, V. Wor. Bro. Phillips and Wor. Bros. Lake and Kemp. Wor. Bro. J. E. Bailey, district secretary, Wor. Bros. Sharpe and Linney and many visiting brethren enjoyed the visit to Powassan Lodge on this occasion.

Strong Lodge No. 423, Sundridge. On April 16th I was royally welcomed on my official visit to my Mother Lodge. The third degree was conferred in a very capable manner by Wor. Bro. J. L. Anderson, assisted by Wor. Bros. Bailey, Maxwell, Valentine

and A. A. Anderson. Bro. J. L. Anderson will be remembered as one of the most capable Masters of this Lodge. Visiting brethren and ladies were present from great distances. Brilliant addresses were given and fitting tribute was paid to the memories of Rt. Wor. Bro. Edgar, Wor. Bro. May and Bro. Paget. Wor. Bro. Linney gave his illustrated address on Masonry. The brethren of my Mother Lodge spared neither time, labor nor expense in making this occasion a brilliant success and one long to be remembered by my wife and me, their guests of honor.

Algonquin Lodge No. 434, Emsdale. On May 1st, 1923, I paid the first official visit to the brethren of this Lodge in their new Lodge room. Wor. Bro. Lachlan McPhail is the Worshipful Master and Rt. Wor. Bro. James Metcalfe the splendid veteran secretary. Algonquin Lodge is the meeting place of the brethren of several villages surrounding it, and has a great reputation for its hospitality. On behalf of the Kearney brethren of the Lodge I presented Bro. Rankin, J.W., with a beautiful Masonic locket, prior to his leaving for Western Canada. Visiting brethren congratulated Algonquin Lodge on its new Masonic Temple.

Corona Lodge No. 454, Burks Falls. On May 14th I visited Corona Lodge. In the absence of Wor. Bro. J. MacLaughlin, Wor. Bro. Clarke conducted the affairs of the Lodge and the degree work was conferred in a creditable manner. I had the pleasure of presenting Wor. Bro. F. Myres with a Past Master's jewel. Many visiting brethren were present and a profitable evening was spent. The addresses were all brilliant and highly elevating. V. Wor. Bro. Hilliar graced the occasion with his presence. V. Wor. Bro. Dr. J. J. Wilson has been of invaluable service to Corona Lodge and by his untiring, progressive enthusiasm the Lodge has benefitted by his efforts. The loss by death of Bro. John Cole, J.W., was deeply felt by the brethren.

During my term of office I have endeavored to impress the brethren with the greatness of Masonry. I have dwelt upon its origin, its development and its

attainments. I have advocated the placing of libraries of Masonic Literature in the Lodges.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the Wor. Masters, officers and brethren of the district for the many kindnesses shown to me and the pleasant meetings we have enjoyed. My acquaintance has been enlarged, my mind has been enriched and I shall long cherish the memory of my pleasant year as District Deputy Grand Master of Muskoka District No. 19.

Fraternally Submitted,

ARTHUR M. CHURCH, D.D.G.M.,

Muskoka District No. 19.

VICTORIA DISTRICT No. 20

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren,—

I herewith submit my report on the condition of Masonry in Victoria District No. 20.

I would first convey to the brethren of the district my appreciation of the high honor conferred on me in electing me to fill the important office of District Deputy Grand Master.

My first official duty was the Constituting and Consecrating of Gothic Lodge No. 608, Lindsay, which on instructions from the M.W., the Grand Master, I did on September 18th, 1922. On this occasion I was ably assisted by R.W. Bros. Townley, Pottum, Walls, Clark, Williamson and Fulton, W. Bros. C. W. Burgoyne and F. Warren of Spry Lodge, Fenelon Falls, and several Past Masters of the district. The successful execution of this very pleasant duty was due to the valuable assistance rendered by these gentlemen.

All Lodges in this district are in a healthy condition and prospects of increased membership of a desirable kind are good. The work is particularly well done in the majority of the Lodges and I am glad to note there is no disparity in the manner in which the degrees are exemplified throughout the district. At some Lodges I noticed some minor inaccuracies which I promptly corrected. The records are well kept and Past Masters are keeping up their connection with the work and taking an active part in it. This, of course, has a very beneficial effect on the welfare of the Lodges.

At every visit I was welcomed in a whole-hearted manner, and I was impressed with the evidence of good-fellowship and true Masonic spirit existing

everywhere. In speaking to the brethren I laid stress on the importance of so conducting ourselves in private life that a good example would be shown to all men, thus increasing the respect of non-members and holding high the standard of Masonry.

On each visit I was accompanied by a large number of brethren, and to them I extended thanks for the many courtesies shown me.

Fraternally submitted,

R. W. GROVES, D.D.G.M.,

Victoria District No. 20.

EASTERN DISTRICT NO. 21

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren,—

Having been chosen District Deputy Grand Master of Eastern District No. 31 at the Session of the Grand Lodge held in Fort William, I feel the honour conferred upon me and express sincere appreciation personally and on behalf of St. John's Lodge No. 21A for the mark of distinction brought by such choice to the officers and members of my Mother Lodge. To the utmost of my ability, I have striven to prove myself measurably worthy of the trust reposed in me by the representatives of the district. If there has been failure in any degree, such may not be attributed to defect in motive.

The leading event in the district for the year was the visit of the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Bro. Lt.-Col. W. N. Ponton, K.C., to St. Johns Lodge No. 21A on March 20th. It was a truly representative gathering and the address of the Grand Master was most highly instructive and entertaining. His knowledge of men and affairs, his intimate and commanding acquaintance with the best literature and his unique oratorical powers make him a notable figure at any public gathering.

Shortly after the meeting of Grand Lodge, The Most Worshipful, the Grand Master, directed that Martintown Lodge No. 596, then under dispensation, be constituted and consecrated, the officers installed and their Lodge room dedicated. We met at Martintown for that purpose on September 14th. The assemblage that day was representative of all the neighboring Lodges. I had the good fortune to have associated with me on that occasion R.W. Bro. John Ridley of Cornwall, R. W. Bro. R. T. Nicholson of Lancaster, R.W. Bro. G. A. Bradley of Alexandria, R. W. Bro. M. W. Shepherd of Plantagenet and R.W. Bro. D. A. McNaughton of Finch. I am particularly indebted to these past District Deputy Grand Masters

for their invaluable assistance, and also to the Past Masters from the neighboring Lodges who rendered excellent services in filling the various offices of Grand Lodge. The local brethren of Martintown did everything possible to welcome and entertain the visiting brethren, rendered every service requested and placed at our disposal anything that would in any way facilitate the work of Grand Lodge.

In submitting the report on the individual Lodges, it is my purpose to be as brief as possible, and I trust the brethren will not think me ungrateful if mention is not made of all the kind and warm receptions which they have extended to me at all times. There was an ever-present effort on the part of every Master and his officers to extend every possible courtesy and assistance and all were ideal hosts. The usual fourth degree was provided everywhere. I sincerely thank one and all for their exceedingly kind welcome.

Official Visits

Alexandria Lodge No. 439. Visited December 5th. Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, there was a good representation of brethren present, including visitors from Lancaster and Vankleek Hill. Associated with me were R.W. Bro. R. T. Nicholson of Lancaster and R.W. Bro. G. A. Bradley of Alexandria. The third degree was conferred by Wor. Bro. E. F. Shanks and his officers in a most creditable manner. Since the visit, this Lodge has purchased an excellent building, well situated, which, after some alterations, will be a fitting home for Masonry in this particular locality. In concluding this report, I should like to express my personal regard for the courteous assistance tendered on many occasions by Rt. Wor. Bro. G. A. Bradley, P.D.D.G.M. of this district, and an honoured member of this Lodge.

Lancaster Lodge No. 207. Visited January 2nd. The third degree was conferred by Wor. Bro. Pattin-gale and his officers in an efficient manner. A part of the work was done by one of the Past Masters, Wor. Bro. Christopher McRae, in a manner that would be hard to excel. Lancaster is one of the few Lodges in the district to own their own home. They have a

good building, a brick structure, and they hold title to same free from any encumbrance. They have in their Lodge Room a tracing board and an apron which are highly prized for their antiquity, having been brought to this country from the Old Land in the early part of the last century. To Rt. Wor. Bro. R. T. Nicholson, P.D.D.G.M., the secretary of this Lodge, I am indebted for assistance and support kindly and generously given throughout the year.

Chesterville Lodge, No. 320. Visited January 29th. Visitors were present from Henderson Lodge, Winchester, as well as a large attendance from Williamsburg. An application was ballotted on favorably and the candidate initiated. The work of the degree was done by Wor. Bro. Geo. G. Merkley most acceptably. The delivery of the charge from the Book of Constitution by Wor. Bro. S. H. Hutt was worthy of mention. The Lodge has excellent quarters, which are owned free from any debt. This is the second largest Lodge in the district.

Avonmore Lodge, No. 452. Visited January 30th. In conferring the Second Degree, Wor. Bro. John F. McRae proved to be well skilled and Bro. Allen McKinnon delivered the Senior Warden's lecture on the Tracing Board in excellent style. The secretary, Wor. Bro. S. E. Shaver, who is a veteran Mason, keeps a close check on the business of the Lodge and the books are well kept.

Cardinal Lodge, No. 491. Visited February 9th. Notwithstanding that there was an epidemic of sickness in the town, the attendance was good. The conferring of the third degree by Wor. Bro. C. A. Williams and the other officers displayed a thoroughness which indicated that the work in this Lodge is up to a high standard and the reputation they bear is justly merited. The efficient manner in which the work of the secretary is performed by Wor. Bro. W. T. Kingston and the skill and ability of this brother, which have been referred to in former reports, require no comment from me.

Wales Lodge, No. 458. Visited February 26th. Some of the officers were absent owing to an epidemic

of sickness, but their places were filled by Past Masters. The Worshipful Master, Wor. Bro. Corah MacGinnis, made an excellent showing in conferring the first degree. Wor. Bro. G. D. Colquhoun, who holds the office of secretary, is one of the most popular men holding this position in Eastern District. The Lodge is receiving grants from Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund for two cases of distress and it is particularly worthy of note that they are assisting most generously from their own funds. The Lodge Room is well furnished and some of their fittings would adorn a City Temple.

Cornwall Lodge, No. 125. The official visit to this Lodge was arranged for March 7th. Being situated in the largest and most important centre, having the largest membership and possessing the greatest potentialities of any Lodge in the District, I looked forward to this visit with considerable interest. Owing to circumstances beyond my control, it was necessary to forego this anticipated pleasure. Nevertheless, it was a source of satisfaction to hand over my commission to Rt. Wor. Bro. John Ridley, P.D.D. G.M., and have him make the official visit to his own Lodge. From the excellent report of the proceedings that night, I was glad to learn that in the conferring of the first degree, Wor. Bro. Hyman Phillips and his entire staff of officers maintained the high standard of excellence of work for which this Lodge is noted; the explanation of the Tracing Board by the Junior Warden, Bro. McFarlane, being particularly worthy of mention. The work of Rt. Wor. Bro. Ridley, the veteran secretary, is complete in every detail; his knowledge of the work and his familiarity with Constitution and Grand Masters' rulings make him a tower of strength to the Lodge and of invaluable assistance to the younger officers.

Henderson Lodge, No. 383, Winchester. Visited March 30th. The welcome extended by Rt. Wor. Bro. A. Sweet, Very Wor. Bro. G. H. McKeown, Wor. Bro. Payne, the W. M. and others was most cordial. After the officers had creditably acquitted themselves in the conferring of the third degree, Lodge was closed. The books and secretarial work of Wor. Bro. F. A. Coons are a model of neatness.

Finch Lodge, No. 557. Visited April 26th. A hearty welcome was extended by my immediate predecessor, Rt. Wor. Bro. D. A. McNaughton, and the officers and members of the Lodge. The second degree was exemplified by Wor. Bro. D. B. Cameron and his officers quite creditably. I appreciated the opportunity of assisting in presenting Past Masters' Jewels to Rt. Wor. Bro. G. A. Bradley of Alexandria, who is an Honorary Member of this Lodge, and to Wor. Bro. John McDougall the immediate Past Master. That this Lodge is in splendid shape is evident from their luxurious and comfortable furnishings.

Maxville Lodge, No. 418. Visited May 11th. The first degree was quite acceptably conferred by Wor. Bro. J. M. McRae. The delivery of the explanation on the Tracing Board by the Junior Warden, Bro. J. H. Munro, was one of the features of the evening. The books of the Lodge are well kept by the secretary, Bro. F. L. McMillan. Since the loss by fire of their splendid Lodge Room and equipment, this Lodge is meeting under dispensation in the Oddfellows Hall. The promises for a new Lodge Room in the near future are bright. For the present, they are quite comfortably situated.

Hawkesbury Lodge, No. 450. Hawkesbury being situated but a few miles from my own home, I can claim personal acquaintance with most of the members, and it was with particular pleasure that I paid my official visit there on the evening of May 17th. The work in this Lodge is always up to a high standard and I was pleased to find that in the conferring of the Second Degree Wor. Bro. George A. Cass and his staff of officers maintained the good traditions of this particular home of Masonry. Their financial condition is good and this is due in a large measure to the untiring efforts of the secretary, Very Wor. Bro. J. W. Holtby. They have always given attention to benevolence, with the result that a substantial fund for that purpose is available.

Williamsburg Lodge, No. 480. Visited May 24th. There was a large attendance of local brethren as well as visitors from neighbouring lodges. We were

honoured by the presence of Rt. Wor. Bro. C. O. Carson and Rt. Wor. Bro. Will C. Davy of Morrisburg. There being no degree work, Lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees, Wor. Bro. Orrin Wyle and the other officers acquitting themselves in excellent style. A report of this visit would not be complete without a reference to their veteran secretary, Wor. Bro. J. A. Barkley, who has rendered yeoman service to the Lodge from the time it was instituted.

Excelsior Lodge, No. 142, Morrisburg. Visited May 25th. This Lodge has excellent quarters; the spacious Lodge Room with its excellent fittings and furnishings and other splendid appointments make it one of the finest in the District. There was no degree work, but Wor. Bro. O. W. Duprau opened and closed Lodge in the three degrees in a manner that left nothing to be desired. Rt. Wor. Bro. C. O. Carson introduced several amendments to the by-laws of the Lodge which were discussed and disposed of by the brethren in a businesslike manner. The secretaryship of the Lodge was recently taken over by Rt. Wor. Bro. Will C. Davy.

Plantagenet Lodge, No. 186, Riceville. On May 28th visited this old and interesting Lodge which was warranted in the year of Confederation. The pleasure characteristic of former visits was materially enhanced on this occasion. The welcome extended by Very Wor. Bro. G. A. Ryan, Wor. Bros. Wilson and Peresien and others was both hearty and fraternal. There being no degree work, the Worshipful Master, Wor. Bro. C. J. Ryan, and officers opened and closed Lodge in all the degrees, the same being exemplified quite creditably. Throughout the year Rt. Wor. Bro. M. W. Shepherd, P.D.D.G.M., and member of this Lodge, who was recently elected Grand Superintendent of Ottawa District, Royal Arch Masonry, never failed to assist whenever need arose. Personally I have been indebted to Bro. Shepherd for invaluable assistance rendered to me during my tenure of office.

Farran's Point Lodge, No. 256, Aultsville. This interesting centre of Masonry was visited May 30th. Fraternity Hall, in which the Lodge Room is situated,

is one of the finest and most substantial structures of its kind in the District. The whole proceedings and conducting of the business of the meeting were in keeping with the ability and reputation enjoyed by Rt. Wor. Bro. F. T. Shaver, P.D.D.G.M., of this District, who happens to be the Worshipful Master of the Lodge for the present year. Rt. Wor. Bro. R. H. Hanes, the secretary, is the Dean of the Past District Deputy Grand Masters of Eastern District; this brother holds the unique record of having initiated four sons. The work of the Wardens and Deacons was worthy of mention; among these officers the Lodge has an abundance of excellent material for the Master's chair.

Martintown, No. 596. In visiting this Lodge on June 14th I was honoured by the presence of Rt. Wor. Bro. R. T. Nicholson, of Lancaster, and Rt. Wor. Bro. G. A. Bradley, of Alexandria. Having been warranted but a year ago, this Lodge is labouring under difficulties with which all new lodges must contend. The entire work of conferring degrees devolves on the Worshipful Master, who, unlike the masters of older lodges, has not the advantage of assistance from Past Masters. However, Wor. Bro. A. G. Gordon has carried on creditably. The Lodge has plenty of work, two Third Degrees being conferred on the night of my visit.

Friendly Brothers, No. 143, Iroquois. The visit to this Lodge at an emergent meeting on June 21st was most pleasant. There being no degree work, Lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees by Wor. Bro. Hermun Hamilton in a manner that would preclude any adverse criticism. The Worshipful Master was supported by an efficient staff of officers.

St. John's Lodge, No. 21A, Vankleek Hill. Accompanied by Rt. Wor. Bro. M. W. Shepherd of Plantagenet, No. 186, and Rt. Wor. Bro. H. H. Kirby of Hawkesbury, No. 450, the official visit was made to my mother Lodge on June 26th. Wor. Bro. F. W. MacAdam is a very thorough and painstaking Master and has good assistance from an efficient staff of subordinate officers. There were two initiations that

evening and the degree work was performed in a manner that was sure to leave an excellent impression on the candidates. Bro. W. R. Hall is one of the most

efficient secretaries in the District. St. John's is the oldest Lodge in the District, the first warrant having been granted by the Duke of Leinster, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, in 1844. It remained under the Irish Register until 1888, when it came under the Grand Lodge of Canada. This Lodge has the old minutes and records which go back as far as 1846.

The condition of Masonry throughout the District is excellent. The spirit of true brotherhood prevails in all the lodges and there is a conspicuous absence of every influence which would retard or render impotent the spirit of fraternity and good will. At all the meetings the members displayed a general attitude of dignity and proper decorum in the transaction of lodge business and the conferring of degrees. A deep devotion to the cause of Masonry was manifested by the Past Masters in many of the lodges and their loyal support to the Worshipful Masters in the guidance of their brethren is an inspiration and incentive to the younger Masons to emulate these veterans of the Craft and to faithfully perform the Masonic tasks set before them. In nearly all lodges, the secretarial work is in the hands of Past Masters, and it is interesting to note that in four of the Lodges lying along the St. Lawrence front a Past District Deputy Grand Master serves in this important office. Notices of meetings have come in regularly, intimating that all were conferring degrees. None of the Lodges have had any abnormal growth but rather a good steady development, indicating that Masonry throughout Eastern District is in a healthy and virile state.

My sincere thanks are gratefully tendered to Wor. Bro. Charles H. Reasbeck, the District Secretary, and to Bro. Rev. A. L. Howard, the District Chaplain, for faithful and valuable assistance rendered throughout the year.

The efforts and faithful work of my predecessors, in securing a marked degree of uniformity in the

secret work and in getting the District in the high state of perfection it now enjoys, made my duties comparatively light. The year just closing will be remembered by me as one of the most instructive and happy periods of my life. I have benefitted greatly by meeting the brethren in the different lodges of the District and my year of service as representative of the Grand Master has given me a greater Masonic vision and a more zealous attachment to the Craft. I bespeak for my successor the same consideration, loyal support and brotherly love which made my work both easy and pleasant.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

ARCH. D. McRAE,

D.D.G.M. Eastern District, No. 21.

June 30th, 1923.

TEMISKAMING DISTRICT, NO. 22.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren,—

I have the honour to present herewith my report on the condition of Masonry in Temiskaming District, No. 22, for the year 1922-1923.

I must first express my deep appreciation for the honour conferred upon me last July when I was elected as the representative of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master for this banner District, which office I accepted with a great deal of diffidence and I was grateful for the wise counsel and suggestions of the P.D.D.G.M.'s and the loyal support given me by the officers and members of all our Lodges.

I appointed W. Bro. G. S. Code as my District Secretary, who rendered me valuable assistance.

The brethren in this District have suffered greatly, first by the terrible fire last October and then the dreadful epidemic of typhoid fever at Cochrane this spring. In the first instance, our Masonic friends in Ontario were most generous in their sympathy and support, a committee of Past Masters, with R. W. Bro. N. J. McAulay and W. Bro. Thos. E. Armstrong, Chairman and Secretary respectively, distributed the funds which were so generously sent in for relief purposes, this fund turned over to the Committee amounted to \$5,723.60. Our records show 129 brethren were burnt out or suffered loss during the fire. The Committee have a balance on hand, which they intend using for one of our aged members, and the balance will be given to Haileybury Lodge to assist them in their new building. The sincere thanks of all this District is due to Grand Lodge, the Grand Chapter, the Scottish Rite bodies and the Craft Lodges who so generously responded to our appeal for help.

It is my sad duty to record the death of W. Bro. Paul A. Cobbold, the I.P.M. of Haileybury Lodge, who lost his life helping others during that awful fire.

I extend my sincere sympathy to W. Bro. E. C. Ward, the W.M. of Cochrane Lodge, whose wife died during the typhoid epidemic at Cochrane.

Through all this suffering we have been mindful of our duty to the Great Architect of the Universe, to man and to our neighbour.

During my term as D.D.G.M. I have written over 300 letters and travelled 2,270 miles and each a pleasant one. The reason for this large mileage being due to my desire to visit each Lodge at its regular meeting.

I visited each Lodge, officially once and some of them two or three times, and my own Lodge I attended every meeting at which I was in town.

Harmony prevails throughout the whole District in its most ample form. We have increased in numbers, but let me assure you each Lodge is guarding its portals well, the Lodges well insured, we have less outstanding dues, larger attendance, neater summons and in each case the W.M.'s and Secretaries are faithful to their duties.

I sent copies of the "Rulings of the Grand Masters" to each sitting W.M. during my term, and I am sure they will profit by the advice therein contained.

Our Lodges may have delayed in responding to the questionnaires in respect to the Masonic Home, Hospital and School, but I am glad to be able to say each Lodge in this District favors this noble idea and would welcome the opportunity of contributing toward a fund for this purpose.

The re-distribution of Lodges and reconstitution of Districts does not apply to this District, but we agreed with the plan suggested.

I recommended reading in open Lodge portions of the Grand Lodge reports.

I instructed some of the Lodges in connection with the Tylers Oath.

The work is uniform and well done in all Lodges, and no innovations, no complaints were referred to me.

SPECIAL MEETINGS.

I had the extreme pleasure to accompany the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary on their tour to this District, when they made the following visits:

September 27th, 1922, Haileybury Lodge, No. 485, at which Henry Dell Bradley was initiated.

September 28th, 1922, Englehart Lodge, No. 534, where the M.W. the Grand Master laid the cornerstone of the new Masonic Hall.

September 28th, 1922, Porcupine Lodge, No. 506, when Lorne Orr received his first degree.

September 29th, 1922, Abitibi Lodge, No. 540, where the second degree was conferred upon Bro. Harry J. Buncke.

September 30th, 1922, Cochrane, No. 530, at which no work was done but the M.W. the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary addressed the brethren.

At all the meetings the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary received splendid receptions, in each instance the attendance was large, visitors coming from long distances to hear the very inspiring addresses from the M.W. the Grand Master, and at each Lodge tokens of love and esteem were presented to M.W. Bro. W. N. Ponton, and the refreshment portion of each meeting was above the ordinary high standard. At each the brethren were privileged to hear the talented voice of Mrs. W. M. Logan (then Miss Ponton), who accompanied her father, the M.W. the Grand Master, on his tour through this great Northland.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

I installed and invested the officers of the following Lodges with a great deal of pleasure:

Englehart, No. 534, on December 27th, 1922.

Abitibi Lodge, No. 540, on January 19th, 1923.

Cochrane Lodge, No. 530, on June 26th, 1923.

These were very large meetings and interesting to me.

LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

One was held in Golden Beaver Lodge, No. 528, Timmins, on November 28th, 1922, when the following Lodges took part:

W. Bro. G. W. Lake and officers of Porcupine Lodge, No. 506, conferred the first degree.

W. Bro. A. J. Hodgson and officers of Abitibi Lodge, No. 540, the second degree.

W. Bro. B. E. Martin and officers of Golden Beaver Lodge, No. 528, the third degree.

It was perhaps the most successful meeting of the year, great interest being taken and I was called on to reply to many questions in respect to the work, the attendance being very large, among whom were a number of distinguished brethren, a splendid banquet was provided by the brethren of Golden Beaver Lodge.

DEDICATION.

I was requested by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master to dedicate Englehart Lodge, No. 534, which I did on May 30th, 1923, with the assistance of a number of Past D.D.G.M.'s and Past Masters of the District. The brethren of this Lodge are to be congratulated upon the splendid Home they have built for themselves. It is commodious, well equipped and a credit to the whole District.

INSTITUTION.

The M.W. the Grand Master was pleased to grant a dispensation to the brethren of Kirkland Lake and Doric Lodge, U. D. was instituted on June 21st. They have already commenced building a Masonic Hall. This Lodge has a very bright and interesting future.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

Temiskaming Lodge, No. 462, New Liskeard, was

visited at their regular meeting on February 15th, 1923. This is the Mother Lodge of the District and was instituted on July 6th, 1903. They have a very fine building of their own with good equipment. The attendance was not quite what it should have been owing to considerable sickness in the town. The W.M., W. Bro. John Donaldson, being confined to his bed, W. Bro. A. J. Fuller carried on for him. I was introduced by R. W. Bro. H. W. Sutcliffe and received a royal welcome. The Deacons being out of town and the candidate also away, no degree was conferred. The Lodge was opened in each degree, and I exemplified a Board of Trial. This Lodge has a high standard which is always maintained. It has a fine set of Past Masters who are ever ready to take any part assigned to them, and I know the work is always well done in Temiskaming Lodge. They have a very efficient secretary in the person of V. W. Bro. J. H. Brown, who has filled this office with credit to himself and the Lodge for a number of years.

Temiskaming Lodge has a great future and I wish them every possible success.

Haileybury Lodge, No. 485, Haileybury. As I was one of the founders of this Lodge and its second Worshipful Master I naturally looked forward to this visit, which took place on the 7th day of June, with a great deal of pleasure.

Haileybury has suffered more than any other Lodge in the District. Their Lodge rooms have been burnt out on two occasions, the last time during that disastrous fire last Fall, when practically all their members lost their homes and all.

After this dreadful fire the brethren of Silver Lodge, Cobalt, allowed Haileybury Lodge the free use of their entire Masonic Temple. This offer was gratefully accepted and Haileybury Lodge have since been holding their meetings at this place. I am pleased to be able to report that the brethren at Haileybury have a new home well under way now and that it will be ready to dedicate this Fall. From all appearances it will be one of the finest in the District. Too much credit cannot be given to R. W. Bros. C. W. Haents-

chel, N. J. McAulay, D. John, R. LeHeup and others for their optimism shown all through the trying time of that awful fire, and their splendid efforts in illustrating to everyone those beautiful principles of brotherly love and relief. To them also is due the credit for their new Masonic Home soon to be completed. On the occasion of my visit to Haileybury Lodge I was introduced by R. W. Bro. R. LeHeup and received a splendid welcome. The work of the evening was the conferring of the first degree upon J. T. Leishman, the proprietor of Haileybury's bright little newspaper, W. Bro. H. A. Day and his officers being at their best. The degree was faultlessly done and Bro. Leishman much impressed. He will be a credit to Haileybury Lodge. This Lodge has an efficient secretary, a good choir and lots of talent. The Past Masters still retain a very active interest, consequently they are a great help to the Lodge. I always enjoy my visits to Haileybury Lodge, and this evening was one of the most pleasant of all. The prospects of this Lodge are unusually bright.

Silver Lodge, No. 486, Cobalt. This Lodge has the best Masonic Hall in the District, beautiful Lodge rooms and equipment. It was instituted on July 15th, 1908, at which time I had the pleasure of assisting in the ceremony of the laying of its corner-stone. I paid my official visit to this Lodge at its regular meeting on May the 7th, 1923, and was introduced by R. W. Bro. Frank H. Todd and V. W. Bro. D. W. McLeod, attendance being about 60 members and visitors. The work was done in the first degree and Bro. Murdock McLeod made a splendid candidate, attentive, was much interested in our beautiful ritual and will make a true Mason in every sense of the word. Wor. Bro. Lyman McEwen has a splendid set of officers and the degree was conferred in a very efficient manner and as nearly perfect as it is possible. This Lodge has an excellent organist and a good choir and the music is used on all occasions. It was pleasing to see so many Past Masters in attendance. They all are regular and assist the W. M. at each meeting. Silver Lodge is in good financial condition, their books well kept, and it has a very bright future.

Porcupine Lodge, No. 506, South Porcupine. I visited this Lodge on Thursday, May 3rd, 1923. There was a good attendance of the members and visitors. I was introduced by R. W. Bro. C. W. Haentschel and W. Bro. E. J. Mason and received a very hearty welcome. W. Bro. Miles G. Clarke, the W.M., has a very efficient set of officers, and the first degree was well conferred upon Clifford G. Jemmett, who made a splendid candidate. This Lodge has an excellent choir under the leadership of Bro. H. M. Martin, and the musical portions of the Ceremony were well rendered. Porcupine Lodge own their Masonic Home. It is well situated and they have very fine equipment. The Past Masters of this Lodge still retain an active interest in all work, the future of the Lodge is very bright, they have an excellent secretary and the records are in good shape, no arrears of dues. A fine spirit of brotherhood exists in this Lodge.

Elk Lake Lodge, No. 507, Elk Lake. I visited this Lodge on their regular meeting night, May 11th, 1923. It was my first visit to this interesting little town and I enjoyed every minute of my stay there. I was introduced by W. M. Bro. J. M. Coghill. There were about 45 members present. Wor. Bro. H. M. Somerville has a very fine set of officers and W. Bro. Fred M. Kirk, the secretary, keeps a fatherly eye on all the work of the Lodge. The first degree was conferred upon Wm. Bruce Stark, a candidate from Gowganda, which is some 30 miles distant from Elk Lake, and about one-third of the members of this Lodge live there, including the J.W., Bro. Dr. G. R. Crann, who has only missed two meetings during the past year. This is a record to be proud of surely. The work was well done, Bro. Stark a good candidate and impressed with the beautiful ceremony. This Lodge has very comfortable rented quarters, has a bright future. The Past Masters retain their interest by attendance and by helping in the conferring of the degrees. The books are in good shape and harmony prevails here in ample form.

Golden Beaver Lodge No. 528, Timmins. I visited this Lodge on Wednesday, the 11th day of April, 1923, which was a regular meeting. I was introduced

by R. W. Bro. C. G. Williams, P.D.D.G.M., and the first W. M. of this Lodge. He still retains his very active interest. There were about 110 members and visitors present and it was a splendid meeting. W. Bro. G. S. Lowe and his officers exemplified the first degree upon William Clayton Grant in a highly satisfactory manner, each officer doing his work in an impressive manner. The conferring of this degree was all the more interesting because the candidate was of an unusually small stature, being only four feet in height. He will make a talented member of the Craft. A very fine orchestra assisted the choir on this occasion and was much enjoyed by all. The Chaplain, Bro. J. Morrison, delivered the charge from the work of Constitution in an able manner. As Porcupine Lodge is closely situated to Golden Beaver, interchange of visits are very frequent and the greatest feeling of harmony exists between the two Lodges. This Lodge has a very nice building, all paid for, good furnishings, clean and well maintained. The books are in a satisfactory condition and the Lodge will continue to prosper. I always enjoy my visits to Golden Beaver Lodge.

Cochrane Lodge, No. 530, Cochrane. I had arranged to visit this Lodge at their regular meeting on Friday, the 9th day of February, 1923, but was unable to do so on account of business reasons, being in Toronto at the time. Not desiring to cause the brethren any inconvenience I arranged with R. W. Bro. Neil J. McAulay, P.D.D.G.M., to represent me, and I give his report as follows: "In response to your telephone call and wire from Toronto on February 7th I officially visited Cochrane Lodge on Friday evening, the 9th day of February, 1923, and I am glad to report that the Lodge is in excellent condition. There were a large number of the brethren present including a number of visitors of which W. Bro. Kemp of Powassan was one. W. Bro. E. C. Ward and his officers conferred the first degree in a very able manner, the candidate being Mitchell Scobie Sutherland, an engineer on the T. & N. O. Railway Extension north of Cochrane, and was very much impressed with the work of receiving his first degree. The secretary and treasurer's books are kept in fine shape and the Lodge

appointments are very good. The brethren of Cochrane have purchased building and lot centrally located which will be eventually used for their Masonic Home, which is at present rented to a good tenant. They will continue to occupy their present quarters until the expiration of their lease, when they will occupy their own building which they have recently purchased. The only regret of the evening was that you were unable to be present, and all expressed the hope that you would be able to pay them a visit before the expiration of your term of office.

"Respectfully submitted

"N. J. McAULAY, P.D.D.G.M."

I have accepted the invitation of the Cochrane brethren to install their officers on the 26th of June, 1923, and I look forward with pleasure to this visit.

Englehart Lodge, No. 534, Englehart, Ont. I visited this Lodge on May 30th, 1923. There was a very large attendance of the members and visitors from the southern part of this District. I was introduced by R. W. Bros. N. J. McAulay, R. LeHeup and Frank H. Todd, P.D.D.G.M.'s, and received a splendid welcome from Wor. Bro. J. A. Hough and the members of Englehart Lodge. Two first degrees were conferred, the candidates being Geo. R. Monahan and E. Connelly, both of whom will make excellent members of the Craft. The officers of Englehart Lodge are well skilled and each did his part in an impressive manner, and Wor. Bro. Hough is to be congratulated upon the success of the meeting. True Masonic spirit prevails in Englehart Lodge. They have an efficient secretary in the person of Bro. H. G. Murdock, his books and records being in excellent condition and no outstanding dues. W. Bro. Jas. Paterson, the first W. M. of this Lodge, is the guiding spirit, and never misses a meeting. His was the guiding hand in the building of the splendid Masonic Hall at Englehart, which was dedicated at an emergent meeting held this afternoon and whose corner-stone was well and truly laid by the Grand Master on Sept. 28th. Englehart Lodge has bright prospects.

Abitibi Lodge, No. 540, Iroquois Falls. I had the pleasure of visiting their Lodge in my official capacity on two occasions—Nov. 17th, 1922, and June 15th of the present year. This, prior to the Institution of Doric Lodge, Kirkland Lake, on the 21st of the present month, was the Junior Lodge of the District, having been instituted in 1918, and as I have had the privilege of being somewhat closely identified with it since its inception I take what I trust is a pardonable pride in all its activities. On the occasion of my first visit Bro. R. D. Fraser was initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the Order, the work being under the direction of Wor. Bro. A. J. Hodgson, the sitting Master. The work in Abitibi Lodge has always, I believe, been of a very high standard and has received many commendations in the past from the large number of visiting brethren which the Lodge has had the pleasure of welcoming from time to time. It was well maintained on the occasion under notice, and I had few criticisms to make or suggestions to offer. That portion of the evening devoted to refreshment was pleasing and very acceptable and showed the Lodge to be possessed of artistic talent of considerable merit. The Lodge building here has undergone considerable renovation in the past year, which has added both to its comfort and appearance, and the Craft is thriving to a marked extent, evidence of this being the average attendance at all meetings during 1922 which, I am informed, was something over 50. I was much pleased and gratified to receive on this occasion from the officers and members of the Lodge a gift of a pair of gold sleeve links and an honorary Life Membership in the Lodge. The Lodge is fortunate in possessing an efficient secretary and the books and records were in a complete and satisfactory condition. The Insurance is maintained at a proper figure and the financial condition is good. It is interesting to note that this Lodge has recently amended its Bylaws in such a way that two-thirds of each fee for initiation is transferred to its Benevolent account. The Lodge has had no arrears of dues for the past two years. My second visit was arranged for June 15th, but absence from town prevented me being present. I was fortunate in securing R. Wor. Bro. F. H. Todd to officiate for me, and his

report since received is of a very satisfactory nature and shows that the standard is being maintained. Bro. Walter Kishbaugh was initiated, the work being in charge of Wor. Bro. Chas. McMillan. An interesting feature of this meeting was the presentation of a gift to the Lodge of a complete and very handsome set of Working Tools in metal for each degree. This was made on behalf of the unaffiliated Masons in town in "appreciation of many courtesies received." During my term of office I have also had the pleasure of accompanying the Lodge at its annual attendance at Divine Service. On one of these occasions the attendance was about 100, a most creditable representation. Abitibi Lodge has a most interesting future.

Doric Lodge, No. U. D., Kirkland Lake. I had arranged to institute this Lodge on Thursday, the 21st of June, 1923, but to my sincere regret I was out of the District at this time, and I, therefore, arranged with R. W. Bro. Frank H. Todd, P.D.D.G.M., to perform this ceremony for me, which he did on the above date and he reports a most enthusiastic meeting, about 65 members being present. He found the officers well skilled in their work. The Lodge has gotten off to a very fine start, they have an excellent set of officers, a very complete set of furniture, regalia, etc., and I am well satisfied this Lodge has a very bright future. Doric Lodge is fortunate in having as its first W. M. R. W. Bro. Frank W. Haynes, P.D.D.G.M., one of the stalwarts of Masonry in this District and for whom I acted in 1911 as District Secretary when he was the District Deputy Grand Master for the 18th Masonic District of which we then formed a part.

Before closing I wish to tender my sincere thanks to the M. W. the Grand Master for his great kindness and courtesy to me on so many occasions, and to the R. W. the Grand Secretary for his prompt attention to my many letters and his never failing advice and assistance.

I have enjoyed my year of office more than I can say. I have made many new Masonic friends, and everywhere a royal welcome was extended to me, which will always remain a very pleasant memory.

I must thank the officers and members of all our Lodges for their splendid support and co-operation; also the brethren who accompanied me on my official visits, and I wish to assure my successor of every assistance in my power.

Fraternally submitted,

FRANK K. EBBITT, D.D.G.M.,

Temiskaming District No. 22.

BRANT DISTRICT NO. 23.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren,—

* I have the honour to submit herewith my Report of conditions of Masonry in Brant District No. 23.

Of the fourteen Lodges in this District four are in the City of Brantford, one in the Town of Paris, and the remaining nine are in villages in the rural section. During the past year I have made an official visit to each of these, and found conditions most satisfactory in every respect. At the commencement of my term of office I sent a circular letter to each Lodge requesting that a special effort be made with a view to having all outstanding Lodge dues paid up. I also pointed out the importance of observing a proper dignity and impressiveness in conferring degrees. I reminded them that attention to small details, such as turning corners sharply rather than cutting them, conducting candidates slowly and with military precision, enunciating the Work with distinctness and deliberation, make the difference between good work and indifferent work. I found that my appeal had not been in vain. The amount of dues outstanding in any one Lodge in this District have been reduced to a minimum, and in several of the Lodges the dues are entirely paid up. Contributions to benevolent and charitable causes were most generous and always in accordance with the financial standing of the Lodge. The work done, without a single exception, and always taking into consideration the fact that officers seldom do themselves justice under the eye of the District Deputy and in a crowded Lodge room, was most impressively carried out. The spirit of harmony and good fellowship was most evident. The Lodges are all prospering and in sound financial condition. An outstanding feature which impressed me was the large proportion of young men attending our meetings. When the young men are willing to lend their strong shoulders and give their splendid energies to the carrying on of a Lodge, I take it that the future of that Lodge is assured.

My official visits have brought to my attention several interesting facts.

Wilson Lodge, No. 113, Waterford, has more non-resident members than resident members. Wilson is an old Lodge, with many of its members scattered throughout Canada and the United States. The fact that so many of them have retained their membership in their Mother Lodge is indeed a great tribute.

St. George Lodge, No. 243, St. George, has made life members of all returned men who were members of that Lodge before going overseas. The spirit displayed by St. George Lodge in this matter might very well be followed by all Lodges.

Doric Lodge, No. 121, Brantford, has taken a decided step forward in connection with a move which they have made in dealing with the dependents of their deceased brethren. Brant Lodge, No. 45, has adopted the same scheme. I shall explain this move in detail, because I believe that it might be emulated with profit by every Lodge throughout the length and breadth of the jurisdiction of Grand Lodge. When a brother dies, the Board of General Purposes of his Lodge at its first meeting selects from among the members of that Lodge a brother, whose duty it will be to act as a Masonic guardian to the widow and children. Care is taken to select, if possible, a brother who was in close touch with the deceased and his family; the idea being that the widow would more readily confide her troubles to one whom she recognized as a personal friend, rather than to a stranger. Also, a brother who was a friend of the family would not be diffident about taking this Masonic duty upon his shoulders. A brother who has been so selected as a Masonic guardian is to devote all of his Masonic energies to keeping in touch with the family assigned to him. This will be his Masonic work. A report is to be made twice a year, or whenever an emergency arises. In case of an emergency the matter is immediately brought before the Lodge and dealt with. A card index system takes care of all information contained in the reports. In this way a full record is kept of each case. As the children grow up and go out into the world the Masonic guardian still keeps in

touch with them. By this system not only will the dependents of a deceased brother, who are in need of financial assistance, be helped, but the widow of independent means who may require advice as to the handling of same, or advice as to the future of her children, will feel that Masonry is something more than a name. The advantages of this scheme over the usual procedure of handling such cases through a Benevolent Committee are very apparent. A Benevolent Committee is composed of several members. The personnel of the committee changes from time to time, and, as they have many cases to look after, it is not to be expected that many receive individual attention. It very often happens that the work is inadequately done, and some cases are entirely neglected. It would seem to be but another example of "What is everybody's business is nobody's business." In the case of a Masonic guardian, one man is given a specific duty. He will look upon it as a solemn obligation, and I believe that he will perform that duty and do it well.

During the past year efforts were put forth at several points in the District to start new Lodges. After a careful survey of the situation, it was decided to discourage these movements for the present. In no case did there appear to be any urgent necessity for establishing new Lodges. The movement could be attributed to over enthusiasm on the part of brethren in certain sections, rather than as a protest against present conditions pertaining to any of the fourteen Lodges in the District.

Nearly all the Lodges in this District have a club room connected with their Masonic quarters. This is as it should be. Our Masonic Club in the city has been a wonderful auxiliary to our four Lodges. The brethren mingle there socially, forget that they belong to different Lodges and are one big family. The value of a club room in the smaller communities cannot be estimated. Places where men can meet socially are limited. Our Lodges by supplying a home-like club room, become the social centre of these communities, and in this way Masonry takes its proper place as the moulder of clean, higher citizenship. All Lodges should each have a club room.

The District has suffered a distinct loss in the death of R. W. Bro. J. C. Spence, who was the first D.D.G.M. of Brant District, No. 23. Composed as it is of Lodges taken from three other Districts, it owes its present solidity and unity to his untiring efforts during his term of office. Our R. W. Bro., after a gallant fight extending over several years, passed to the Great Lodge beyond on May 22nd. He was buried with Masonic honors on May 24th. The funeral services were conducted at Zion Presbyterian Church by Very W. Bro. Dr. G. A. Woodside, assisted by P. Ms. of all the city Lodges. The casket was opened at the church and hundreds of the brethern passed about it, that they might obtain a last fond look at a face they had learned to love. Masonry in Brantford and throughout the District will miss "Jimmie" Spence.

In conclusion, I wish to express my gratitude to my brethern who so generously honoured me a year ago. I have my regrets in parting in an official capacity with a District that has given me such loyal allegiance and support. I am most grateful for the generous and kindly consideration extended to me by the different Lodges. I wish to express my appreciation of the loyal support given me by the brethern. They accompanied me in large numbers upon all my outside visits, and if I have to any extent given my brethern of the District a true interpretation of Masonry, it is due entirely to the inspiration which I derived from their presence.

Fraternally submitted,

GEO. H. RYERSON,

D.D.G.M. District No. 23.

BRUCE DISTRICT, NO. 24.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren,—

In presenting my report on the condition of Masonry in the 24th Masonic District, I wish first to thank the Lodges for the high honor conferred on me by electing me to the highest position in the District, and also for the great kindness and lavish hospitality shown and granted me on my official visits. I wish particularly to thank R. W. Bro. J. A. McDonald, P.D.D.G.M., of Maple Leaf Lodge, Tara, for his un-failing kindness and assistance to me during my term of office.

My first official act was to appoint W. Bro. Good of Burns Lodge, No. 436, District Secretary, and Rev. Bro. J. W. Currie of Maple Leaf Lodge, Tara, District Chaplain. Both of these brethren have been efficient officers, and well merited the offices bestowed upon them, and I wish to thank them for their assistance in my official duties.

Owing to the high character and ability of my predecessors in this office, I am pleased to report that the condition of the work of the Craft in all the twelve Lodges is good, and the work uniform. For this reason I did not feel it necessary to hold a Lodge of instruction, but would suggest to my successors the possible wisdom of holding one of such Lodges once in every two or three years.

I felt it my duty to impress on the different Lodges of having their fees and dues high enough to pay all running expenses without depending on fees from initiates to balance their yearly accounts. Also to keep ample insurance on Lodge furniture, with the result that a number of Lodges which were low in both of these items have taken steps to remedy their condition.

During my term of office I visited eleven of the twelve Lodges of the District officially. I had ar-

ranged to visit St. Lawrence Lodge, Southampton, on June 5th, but owing to circumstances mentioned elsewhere my place was ably filled by R. W. Bro. J. A. McDonald, P.D.D.G.M., of Maple Leaf Lodge, Tara.

Moravian Lodge, No. 431, Cargill. On October 16th I paid my official visit to this Lodge, where I was greeted by a large gathering of the members. A pleasing feature of the evening was the presence of a number of visitors from Hepworth, Chesley and Walkerton. The latter place sent a large delegation, including W. Bros. Henderson and Boss.

This Lodge has the smallest membership in the District, but is otherwise in a prosperous condition. It meets in a commodious and well furnished hall, and has its finances in good shape.

Not having any degree work, the W. M. and his officers opened and closed in the three degrees, the work being done in a creditable manner. W. Bro. Young, although young in office, has his work well in hand, and enjoys the support of a splendid set of officers, the work of the two Wardens being especially commendable.

The books are in good shape, and show little or no outstanding dues. Ample insurance is carried. The Lodge has a number of Past Masters who take an active interest in the proceedings and render efficient help to the W. Master, and I feel that Moravian Lodge has a prosperous future before it.

A regrettable feature of the evening was the absence of R. W. Bro. W. J. Loughlean, the efficient secretary of the Lodge, who was detained by sickness of his family.

Forest Lodge, No. 393, Chesley. I visited this Lodge on Friday, November 3rd, which was their regular night of meeting. I was accompanied by W. Bro. MacBride and Bro. W. H. Brown of my own Lodge.

A large number of the brethren turned out to the meeting, and W. Bro. Trummer and his officers exemplified the third degree. The candidate was well instructed and the degree work of the officers was

creditably done, R. W. Bro. Ross taking the latter portion of the Master's work in a very impressive manner.

This Lodge suffered a severe loss some two years ago when the building in which they met was totally destroyed with nearly all the Lodge furniture. Since then the meetings are held in a room too small to properly exemplify the work of the degree. I am pleased to report, however, that negotiations are about completed for more commodious quarters. The Lodge is fortunate in having a number of Past Masters, who attend regularly, and take an active part in the proceedings. The books of the Lodge are well kept, and arrears of dues not large. Ample insurance is carried on the furniture.

Hanover Lodge No. 432. I paid my official visit to this Lodge on Dec. 3rd, when I was received by a large attendance of members, with visitors from Chesley and Hepworth.

W. Bro. Dr. Campbell and his officers exemplified the first degree in a most creditable manner. Hanover Lodge has a number of Past Masters who take an active interest in its affairs, some of whom took part in the degree work on this occasion. The Lodge uses the Musical Ritual which adds materially to the solemnity of the work.

I found the finances of the Lodge in good condition, W. Bro. Dr. Staples being a most efficient secretary.

A pleasant and interesting feature of the evening was a scholarly and well prepared paper on the "Ancient Landmarks" which was read by W. Bro. Webb.

Saugeen Lodge No. 197, Walkerton, Ont. I paid my official visit to this Lodge on their regular night of meeting, Feb. 13th, when I was greeted by a large attendance of the members and visitors. I was told that the attendance on this occasion was the largest which the Lodge had had for many years.

This Lodge is one of the oldest and largest in the district with a membership of 122 and as would be expected, have commodious and well-furnished Lodge

rooms. W. Bro. Dr. Grant and his officers not having any degree work opened and closed in the three degrees, this part of the work being done in almost faultless manner. I felt entirely justified in congratulating the officers for the thoroughness of their work. W. Bro. Grant is fortunate in having a number of active and skilled Past Masters who attend regularly and help in the work of the Lodge. In particular I must commend the Secretary, W. Bro. Boss, for the splendid condition of his books and for his activity in all matters pertaining to the welfare of the Craft. Bruce District has no more zealous or expert Bro. than W. Bro. Boss.

I found the finances in good shape, the dues having been raised to an amount large enough to carry on the affairs of the Lodge without depending on initiation fees to meet expenses.

Harriston Lodge, No. 262, Harriston. I visited Harriston Lodge on their regular night of meeting, May 14th, where I was greeted by a good proportion of the local members, with a number of Past Masters, some of them took part in the work. This is one of the older Lodges, with a membership of about 100; is in good shape financially and otherwise. The books are neatly kept by W. Bro. Hucks, who is a most efficient secretary.

W. Bro. Howes and his officers conferred the first degree on a candidate, which was fairly well done. Some of the junior officers exhibited a degree of nervousness which effected the excellence of the work to some extent. W. Bro. Howes has the assistance of a number of Past Masters, who take an active interest in the work.

Burns Lodge, No. 436, Hepworth. I made my official visit to this Lodge at an emergent meeting held on May 11th, the occasion being the annual "At Home" of Burns Lodge at which a large number of Masons from the District with their wives and lady friends attended. There were present at the Lodge meeting a large number of visiting brethren from Tara, Owen Sound, Wiarton and Chesley, including three Past Grand Lodge officers and a number of Past

Masters. This being my own Lodge, R. W. Bro. J. A. McDonald of Tara, P.D.D.G.M. of Bruce District, kindly concented to act in my place in criticising the work of the Lodge. W. Bro. Good and his officers and Past Masters conferred the third degree on a candidate in a manner which earned the approbation of the Acting D.D.G.M.

Burns Lodge has made great strides during the past few years, and is now in a very prosperous condition.

Cedar Lodge, No. 396, Wiarton. I visited this Lodge on May 8th, accompanied by W. Bro. MacBride and Bro. W. H. Brown of Burns Lodge, Hepworth.

Cedar Lodge has the largest membership in the District, and has a high reputation for the quality of its work. On the occasion of my visit W. Bro. Jackson and his officers conferred the first degree on a candidate in such manner as to merit commendation.

This Lodge is fortunate in having two Past D.D.G. Masters, R. W. Bros. Cameron and Foster, who are pillars of strength to Masonry in Wiarton. The Lodge meets in comfortable quarters, and is in good shape financially.

Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 362, Tara. I paid my official visit to this Lodge on April 30th, when I was greeted by a large number of members and visiting brethren, which taxed the seating capacity of the Lodge room. Among the brethren present were five Past Grand Lodge officers from Owen Sound, Tara and Southampton. There being no candidate for degrees, W. Bro. Walker and his officers opened and closed in the three degrees, the work being snappy and well done. W. Bro. Walker is a most efficient Master and has the support of an excellent staff of officers; the work of the Secretary, W. Bro. Shannon, being especially commendable. R. W. Bro. J. A. McDonald and W. Bro. Madill are regular attendants and are pillars of strength to the Lodge.

I am pleased to report that this Lodge is taking steps to amend its by-laws, which will increase the

fees for initiation and the annual dues for members. A move in the right direction, as too many Lodges are depending on initiation fees to balance their outlays.

After the Lodge was closed adjournment was made to the Town Hall, where a most successful "At Home" was held, the brethren of Maple Leaf Lodge entertaining their lady friends and visitors.

At this gathering nearly two hundred and fifty participated. Speeches, songs and dancing were indulged in. The visitors left with the highest opinion of the hospitality of Maple Leaf Lodge.

Clifford Lodge, No. 315, Clifford. I paid my official visit to this Lodge on Tuesday, May 15th, an emergent meeting having been called for the purpose. The attendance was good considering that this Lodge has a large proportion of rural members who were busy on the farms at the time of the visit.

W. Bro. Cavanagh, the Master of the Lodge, having removed from the District, his place was filled by W. Bro. Fulton. The officer conferred the second degree upon a candidate, who had been particularly well instructed. The work of the degree was excellent, and I have not heard any W. Master in the District confer this degree better than did W. Bro. Fulton.

The Lodge is most fortunate in owning their Lodge room, with commodious cloak and banquet rooms. This property was partially a gift to the Lodge from W. Bro. Taylor, an old honored member of the Order, who was present at the meeting.

I found the books of the Lodge in excellent shape, and W. Bro. Graef a good secretary.

Aldworth Lodge, No. 235, Paisley. I made my official visit to Aldworth Lodge at an emergent meeting called for the purpose on Friday, June 1st, when I was greeted by a large gathering of members and visitors from Walkerton, Tara, Chesley, Hepworth and Southampton, among whom was my predecessor in office, R. W. Bro. Dr. Scott.

As it was also the occasion of an "At Home" by Aldworth Lodge, there was no degree work, but W.

Bro. McKelvie and his officers opened and closed in the three degrees, doing the work in an almost faultless manner. The finances of the Lodge are in good shape, and Bro. Rev. H. C. Packham makes an efficient secretary. I deemed it my duty to advise the Lodge to raise its annual dues and also increase the insurance on its Lodge furniture, which is entirely inadequate in the event of a loss by fire. This Lodge is one of the largest and oldest in the District, with the result that Masonry is strong and influential and a real force for good in the community. The Lodge bears the Masonically historic name of Aldworth, called after the family name of the titled lady who became the only authentic lady member of the Craft, and whose portrait, taken clothed with the Masonic Apron, adorns the Lodge apartments. This portrait was given to the Lodge by the family of the late W. Bro. Malloch, the first Master of the Lodge, at his decease, and it is but a reasonable conjecture that this W. Bro. was instrumental in naming the Lodge.

This was one of the most enjoyable Masonic functions I have attended during my term of office, and I wish to express my thanks to Bro. Hugh McKerricher and his estimable wife for the courtesy and kindness to Mrs. Campbell and myself during our visit as guests at "Glen Lyon."

Port Elgin Lodge No. 429, Port Elgin. I paid an official visit to the above Lodge on May 28th, an emergent meeting having been called for the purpose. The Lodge meets in well furnished apartments and is well officered, but does not appear to be making the same progress that most of the other Lodges in our District show. W. Bro. Wyant informed me that he had not conferred a degree since his installation. Port Elgin is situated on Lake Huron and with Lodges at Tiverton and Southampton close by has not too much territory to draw membership from. This probably is retarding the growth of the Lodge, which is otherwise in a healthy condition.

W. Bro. Wyant and his officers opened and closed in the three degrees, which showed that they were efficient in the work. The Lodge books are in good

shape and I find W. Bro. Cotterill a most efficient secretary.

St. Lawrence Lodge No. 131, Southampton. I had arranged to visit this Lodge on their regular night, June 5th, but owing to the death of a near relative was prevented from visiting the Lodge in person, but R. W. Bro. J. A. McDonald, P.D.D.G.M., of Tara, very kindly took my place. My report on this Lodge is therefore based on the information supplied me by R. W. Bro. McDonald.

The Lodge has a membership of 104 and is to be complemented on its financial condition, having no arrears of dues. This is largely due to the efficient work of R. W. Bro. Goodier, who has acted as secretary for a number of years. This Lodge has a large proportion of Fishermen members, and on the night of the official visit both of the Wardens were absent owing to their occupation.

The Worshipful Master, Bro. Spheer, conferred the second degree on a candidate in a most creditable manner. The candidate was well instructed and was commended by R. W. Bro. McDonald. The Lodge is fortunate in having three Past District Deputy Grand Officers among its members, one of whom is the efficient secretary.

In conclusion, I wish to bespeak for my successor in office the same kindly treatment which I received during my term of office.

Fraternally,

J. E. CAMPBELL,
D.D.G.M., Bruce District, No. 24.

GREY DISTRICT No. 25.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren,—

It gives me great pleasure to submit my report on the condition of Masonry in Grey District, No. 25. I would like to express my deep gratitude and appreciation to the Lodges of this District in electing me the representative of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master in this District.

On every visit I found abundant evidence of deep loyalty and fidelity to the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge. In Grey District harmony prevails.

There seems to be a profound eagerness to grasp for the Great Truth of Masonry.

The following is a brief summary of my visits:—

Lorne Lodge No. 337, Shelburne. I paid my official visit to this Lodge on February 6th, 1923, and witnessed the conferring of the second degree in a most creditable manner by W. Bro. Watts and his officers. I found the secretary's books well kept and the general condition of the Lodge good. Harmony prevails.

I was pleased to meet Rt. W. Bro. Mills, on whom I conferred the three degrees when Master of Wellington Lodge, No. 271.

St. George's Lodge, No. 88, Owen Sound. North Star Lodge, No. 322, Owen Sound. On February 7th I inspected both of the above Lodges, a regular meeting of North Star Lodge being held, followed by an emergent meeting of St. George's Lodge in the same Lodge room. W. Bro. H. H. Burgess and his officers conferred the first degree in a most excellent manner. The St. George's Lodge conferred the second degree in an absolutely faultless manner. The W. Master of St. George's Lodge is the Rev. W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey, the District Chaplain, and his officers are certainly

to be highly commended in the impressive and well-nigh perfect way in which the second degree was conferred. The books of both Lodges were in excellent condition. The finances are on a sound basis.

Durham Lodge, No. 306. This Lodge, the Mother Lodge of Rt. W. Bro. Grant, was visited by me in my official capacity on February 13th, 1923. W. Bro. I. H. Harding, W.M., and his officers conferred the first degree in a manner which would have elicited praise from the most severe critic. The secretary, W. Bro. Hay, has the books in excellent condition. There was a very good turnout of the brethren despite the stormy weather. Masonry flourishes within the precincts of Durham Lodge.

Hiram Lodge No. 490, Markdale. I visited this Lodge on the 27th of February and saw the first degree conferred in a highly creditable manner by the Master, W. Bro. Ran. Brady, most ably assisted by his officers.

Bro. S. H. Buchanan, the secretary, has his books in a most excellent condition. The I.P.M., T. H. Reburn, is a Light in the Lodge. I found Wisdom, Strength and Beauty flourishing within the precincts of Hiram Lodge.

Prince Arthur Lodge, No. 333, Flesherton. On February 28th it was my privilege to witness the exemplifying of the first degree in Prince Arthur Lodge. The degree was conferred in a faultless manner by W. Bro. C. J. Bellamy and his officers. The secretary's books were in good shape. While in Flesherton I had the privilege of visiting W. Bro. Blackburn, who has been an invalid for thirty-two years. Despite illness the W. Bro. remained bright and cheerful.

Scott Lodge, No. 421, Grand Valley. On the very cold, stormy evening of March 26th I visited this Lodge, and was agreeably surprised to be met with quite a large turnout of the brethren. W. Bro. E. Rea and his officers conferred the first degree in a way which must be considered creditable, considering that the W. M. has been in poor health for some time. There are a large number of P. Ms. in connection with

this Lodge, who preserve our Ancient Landmarks with due care.

Prince Arthur Lodge, No. 334, Arthur. On the evening of March 27th it was our privilege to visit Prince Arthur Lodge, No. 334, Arthur, under the capable management of W. Bro. Clements, W.M. The work of the evening was the first degree, which showed that officers were well skilled in their work. While Prince Arthur has had to meet some regrettable conditions which tended to disturb somewhat the harmony of the Lodge for some time, we are pleased to report that we believe their difficulties are being solved in the true Masonic spirit and Prince Arthur promises to have a harmonious and successful future.

St. Albans Lodge, No. 200, Mount Forest. At my official visit to this Lodge on March 30th it was my privilege to see the second degree conferred in a most excellent manner on two of the best prepared candidates I ever heard. The candidates were father and son. W. Bro. E. E. Broughten and his officers are certainly to be congratulated on their Lodge and the effective rendering of the Ritual. The secretary's books were in good shape. I visited W. Bro. Gow who, for the first time in over fifty years, had been forced through illness to miss the Lodge meeting.

Harris Lodge, No. 216, Orangeville. On Tuesday, April 24th, I visited this Lodge, accompanied by the District Secretary, W. Bro. T. C. Foster, and about fifteen brethren of Wellington Lodge, No. 271, Erin.

W. Bro. Connell and his officers put on the first degree with musical accompaniment in a fine and impressive manner. It was a great pleasure to meet R. W. Bro. Irwin, who has for over 52 years been an active Mason in connection with this Lodge.

Rt. W. Bro. Adams and R. W. Bro. Preston look well after the Landmarks. Harris Lodge is in excellent shape both fraternally and financially.

The secretary, W. Bro. Howard, has his books in good condition. I am pleased to learn that this Lodge has made a generous contribution to Dufferin Hospital, Orangeville.

Dundalk Lodge, No. 449, Dundalk. On May 31st it gave me great pleasure to visit this Lodge on the opening of their new and beautifully furnished Lodge room. About 75 brethren were present. Brethren from Markdale, Shelburne and Flesherton were present. The first degree was conferred on a very bright candidate by the W.M., Bro. I. G. Montgomery, most ably assisted by his officers.

The work was exceptionally well done. Great credit for the new Lodge room is due the officers and members of Dundalk Lodge, especially Rev. Bro. Blackwell, Past District Chaplain, for their energy and initiative in equipping the new Lodge room.

On June the seventh I visited Wellington Lodge, No. 271, Erin. At my request R. W. Bro. Adams, P.D.D.G.M., accompanied me and inspected and reported on the Lodge. The following is his report:—

On the official visit of R. W. Bro. J. D. Leitch to his Mother Lodge (Wellington, 271) he very kindly invited me to be present with him and to attend to the official duties and report the same.

The reception tendered the D.D.G.M. on this occasion by the brethren was an evidence of their loyalty to Grand Lodge, and also personal respect to one who has always given Wellington Lodge his best.

The initiation of a very bright candidate constituted the work of the evening, which was done almost faultlessly. This Lodge has recently been moved into new and handsome quarters, and they are to be congratulated on the nice home they have made for themselves. The real spirit of Masonry prevails in this Lodge and the wealth of hospitality which the brethren display would be hard to surpass.

Attended on May the 15th Durham Lodge, No. 306, Durham, which celebrated its semi-centennial anniversary. This notable Masonic event was fittingly celebrated by a visit of the M. W. the Grand Master, W. N. Ponton, K.C. The M. W. the Grand Master made a most eloquent address to the large assemblage of brethren present.

Durham Lodge has always been an inspiration to the Lodges of the District. May she continue to flourish and spread our great Masonic truths for an equally long period in the future.

On Sunday, June 17th, I attended an emergent meeting of Hiram Lodge, No. 390, Markdale, for the purpose of attending Divine Service. The service was held in the Methodist Church, and an eloquent sermon was preached by Bro. the Rev. F. N. Bowes, Chaplain of this Lodge. There was a splendid turn out of the brethren.

On Sunday, June 24th, I attended an emergent meeting of St. George's Lodge, No. 88, Owen Sound, for the purpose of attending a District Divine Service for the brethren of Grey District. An inspiring sermon was preached by the District Chaplain, W. Bro. T. P. Pilkey. A large number of brethren attended this service.

It is with deep satisfaction that I observe that a large number of the Lodges have an annual Divine Service. It is surely fitting that we Masons should publicly, as a body, acknowledge our allegiance to and dependence on the Great Architect of the Universe.

After careful inquiry all over the District I find that the consensus of opinion is that fraternal visitation by Lodges is more productive of Masonic fruit than the holding of a Lodge of Instruction.

In conclusion, it gives me sincere pleasure to be able to report that Masonry in Grey District is in a flourishing condition and peace and harmony prevails. The Ancient Landmarks are being faithfully adhered to.

As D.D.G.M. I know that whatever I may or may not have been able to do, certainly my own Masonic knowledge has been increased, my circle of friendship enlarged by bonds of sincere fraternal affection which will only deepen as the years roll by.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN D. LEITCH,
D.D.G.M. Grey District, No. 25.

NOTICES OF MOTION

The Grand Secretary then read the following Notices of Motion, which had been made within the prescribed constitutional time:

1. By M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, K.C.

That the report of the Committee appointed by Grand Lodge in 1921, in connection with the redistribution of Lodges in this Grand jurisdiction, and the reconstitution of the districts, be adopted, and that the changes therein recommended in the redistribution of lodges and the reconstitution of districts become effective immediately.

2. By R. W. Bro. J. K. Brydon.

That the following be made a part of the Constitution: "All Master Masons must prove their proficiency in the Third Degree, which must be recorded in the books of the Secretary of the subordinate lodge, and the Secretary shall receive from the Secretary of the subordinate lodge the newly raised candidates, as to his proficiency by being examined in open lodge, before the Grand Secretary be required to issue a Grand Lodge Certificate to such Master Masons."

3. By R. W. Bro. A. M. Cunningham.

1. To amend Section 31 to read as follows:

MODE OF ELECTING DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

31. Subject to the approval of and confirmation by the Grand Master, the District Deputy Grand Master of each district shall be elected by the votes of a majority of Past Masters and the representatives of the Lodges of such district present at a District Meeting of such Past Masters and representatives of the Lodges in such district, each Past Master or representative voting thereat to be entitled to the number of votes allotted to him at such district meeting, such allotment to be the same as in the case of the officers elected at the annual meeting of Grand Lodge except that no proxies shall be accepted. He must be a Past Master and a resident of the district for which he is elected. Should he at the time of his election be Master of a Lodge and should his election be confirmed by the Grand Master, such election shall, ipso facto, operate to vacate his office of Master and a new election shall be held by the Lodge. The representatives of a Lodge shall mean and include the Master and his Wardens.

2. To amend Section 32 to read as follows:

32. The nomination and election of District Deputy Grand Master shall be held on a day in the fourth week of May in each year and in each district at such hour and at such place therein as may be designated by the then ruling District Deputy Grand Master, and the result thereof shall be forthwith communicated to the

Grand Secretary by the then ruling District Deputy Grand Master of the district. Printed notice of the time and place of such District Meeting, stating the purpose thereof to be the nomination and election of a District Deputy Grand Master must be given by the then ruling District Deputy Grand Master not later than the 31st day of March preceding such District Meeting to each Lodge in the district by mailing such notice by registered mail to the Master and Secretary of each of such Lodges. The Secretary of each Lodge in the district shall at least one month prior to such District Meeting furnish each ruling District Deputy Grand Master with a list of the Past Masters, Masters and Wardens of his Lodge.

3. To Amend Section 47 by adding thereto the following sentence:

Each District Deputy Grand Master shall be installed at the Annual Meeting of Grand Lodge or at such other time (after the annual Grand Lodge Meeting) and place as the Grand Master shall appoint.

It was moved by the Deputy Grand Master, seconded by M.W. Bro. J. H. Burritt and Resolved: That the several Notices of Motion be referred for report to the Board of General Purposes.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON WARRANTS

The Report of the Committee on warrants was presented by R.W. Bro. A. J. Young as follows:

We have examined the Books and Records of the Lodges under dispensation and subject to the reservations hereinafter mentioned recommend that Warrants be issued to the following:—

Tavistock Lodge, Tavistock, District No. 4, as No. 609.
Ashlar Lodge, Byron, District No. 3 as No. 610.
Huron-Bruce Lodge, Toronto, District No. 11B as No. 611.
Birchcliffe Lodge, Birchcliffe, District No. 11A as No. 612.
Fort Erie Lodge, Fort Erie, District No. 10 as No. 613.
Adanac Lodge, Merritton, District No. 10 as No. 614.
Dominion Lodge, Ridgeway, District No. 10 as No. 615.
Perfection Lodge, St. Catharines, District No. 10 as No. 616.
North Bay Lodge, North Bay, District No. 18 as No. 617.
Thunder Bay Lodge, Port Arthur, District No. 17 as No. 618.
Runnymede Lodge, Toronto, District No. 11 as No. 619.
Bay of Quinte Lodge, Toronto, District No. 11A as No. 620.

Again we have to report irregularities in the books and records presented for our inspection and our recommendation of Tavistock Lodge, Tavistock, District No. 4.

Fort Erie Lodge, Fort Erie District No. 10.
Adanac Lodge, Merritton, District No. 10.
Dominion Lodge, Ridgeway, District No. 10.

and Perfection Lodge, St. Catharines, District No. 10, is subject to the condition that before the Warrant for any of these Lodges is issued, the Officers of the Lodge must produce to the Grand Secretary for examination complete books of record and accounts in proper form, and until such books are produced, the Warrant will be withheld.

We recommend that the dispensations granted by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master to the following Lodges be continued for another year:

Frontenac Lodge, Sharbot Lake, District No. 14.

Lorne Lodge, Chapleau, District No. 18.

Doric Lodge, Kirkland Lake, District No. 22.

Your Committee desire to repeat the warning to District Deputy Grand Masters that their inspection of Lodges working under dispensation must not only be an examination of their knowledge of ritualistic work, but also an examination of the methods used in recording the Minutes in the registration of members and in the books of account.

We all love to see our ritualistic work well done and we commend the Officers of our Lodges who do this work with that degree of perfection which shows a thorough knowledge of the work and conveys to others clearly and forcibly the lessons we desire to teach. We all dislike slovenly work, hurried and jumbled, and we are quick to condemn, but the practical side is just as important. Some of the Lodge Books presented this year show such an absolute lack of knowledge of essentials in what is required of the Recording Officers of a Masonic Lodge, that we can only conclude no instruction has been given to these officers in what Grand Lodge requires of its subordinate Lodges, and therefore no interest taken by the District Deputy Grand Master in the business guidance of these particular Lodges. This is not as it should be. The Brother, who by the vote of the Masters, Wardens and Past Masters of his District is honored by being nominated as the Deputy of the Grand Master in a District assumes a responsibility during his year of office which he cannot shirk. This responsibility is as Deputy of the Grand Master to have oversight over all the Masonic Lodges in his District. This oversight extends not only to the establishment of perfection and uniformity in our ritualistic work, but also to the maintenance of harmony and to the proper conduct of the business affairs of the Lodge. More particularly is this required over Lodges which are working under dispensation. Just as it is essential that the foundation for a stately and superb edifice must be well and truly laid, so is it essential that the foundations of a Masonic Lodge must be properly laid, so that the Masonic edifice built thereon will be a credit to the builders and an honor to the Craft. An integral part of that foundation is the records. If they are started properly so they will continue. If they are incomplete and kept in a careless, slipshod manner, so they will be during the life of the Lodge. On the District Deputy Grand Masters rest the responsibility and they must assume it.

We are pleased to be able give our commendation of the books and records sent for examination by several of the Lodges under dis-

pensation. They are everything that could be desired and showed careful selection. We made enquiry as to how these particular Lodges secured such a complete set of books and learned that they were secured through an enquiry, addressed to the Grand Secretary. This is as it should be. The Grand Secretary's office have information as to where proper Lodge books can be secured and are only too pleased to furnish this information upon request. We urge on all District Deputy Grand Masters that they instruct officers named in a dispensation to make enquiry of the Grand Secretary regarding their books and to be guided thereby.

Fraternally submitted,

A. J. YOUNG, Chairman.

It was moved by the Deputy Grand Master, seconded by R.W. Bro. A. J. Young and Resolved: That the report of the Board on Warrants be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON CONSTITUTION AND LAWS

The Report of the Committee on Constitution and Laws was then read by M.W. Bro. J. H. Burritt, as follows:

1. A Notice of Motion has been given by M.W. Bro. E. T. Malone, K.C., that the report of the Committee appointed by Grand Lodge in 1921 in connection with the redistribution of Lodges in the Grand jurisdiction and the reconstitution of the districts be adopted and that the changes therein recommended in the redistribution of Lodges and the reconstitution of the districts become effective immediately.

There is no constitutional objection to the consideration of this motion by Grand Lodge.

2. A Notice of Motion has been given by R.W. Bro. J. K. Brydon, that Master Masons must prove their proficiency in the Third Degree (by method proposed in said motion) before the Grand Secretary be required to issue a Grand Lodge Certificate to such Master Masons.

(1.) There are two or three objections to this motion being placed before Grand Lodge. First, as it is an amendment of the Constitution, it does not give a number to show where it should be placed in the Constitution, and it could not properly be given the number 264, as it would be too remote (for convenience) from the section or sections it is proposed to affect.

(2.) It does not state what proof of proficiency is required, and

(3.) By the construction of the motion it is impossible to ascertain how the proof is to reach the Grand Secretary, or whether the newly raised candidates have to appear before the Grand Secretary.

For these reasons the Board advises that it be not placed before Grand Lodge in its present shape.

3. A Notice of Motion given last year by R. W. Bro. A. M. Cunningham, and not being reached, for want of time, was adjourned till this meeting of Grand Lodge to amend Sections 31-32 and 47 of the Constitution to provide a new mode of electing District Deputy Grand Masters, and for their approval and installation by the Grand Master.

There is no constitutional objection to this motion being placed before Grand Lodge for consideration.

Fraternally yours,

JAS. H. BURRITT, Chairman.

It was moved by the Deputy Grand Master, seconded by M.W. Bro. J. H. Burritt and Resolved: That the report of the Board on Constitution and Laws be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON RE-DISTRIBUTION OF DISTRICTS

The report of the Special Committee, appointed to consider and report up on the question of the re-arrangement and re-distribution of districts, was presented by M.W. Bro. E. T. Malone, as follows:

M. W. Sir:—

The Committee appointed by the M. W. the Grand Master in pursuance of Resolution of Grand Lodge passed at its Annual Communication in 1921, beg to submit the following report:—

During the last two years interviews and conferences have been had and carried on not only with all the D. D. G. Ms. but with representative brethren in each of the Masonic Districts.

At the outset the committee invited the co-operation not only of these distinguished brethren, but of the ruling Masters of Lodges, and for their guidance intimated that the Committee would be guided largely by the following suggestions:—

1. **To** preserve intact as many as possible of the present existing districts.

2. **To** ignore municipal, parliamentary and geographical boundaries.

3. **To** group the lodges so as to bring those in each District within easy distance of each other.

4. **To** so arrange the Lodges as to have due regard to travelling facilities.

5. **To** equalize as far as possible the number of Lodges in the respective districts.

6. **To** create new Districts, if it should be found in the interest of the Craft in general so to do.

7. **To** allot a reasonable number of Lodges to each District, so as to allow the D. D. G. M. to give same all necessary attention, thereby producing the desired result.

It was also impressed upon these brethren that they must bear in mind that in 1916 when the last re-distribution took place, we had 447 warranted Lodges and two Lodges under dispensation, making a total of 449 Lodges with a membership of about 61,000; that at the present time we have 563 Lodges with a membership as of this date of over 100,000, and that in consequence new Districts will as a necessity have to be formed.

Valuable assistance was received by your committee from the various D. D. G. Ms. of the present Masonic year in particular, who obtained the opinions of brethren from every part of their respective Districts.

It can be safely asserted that the suggestions and advice of the several D. D. G. Ms. and other distinguished Brethren have largely governed the action of your committee.

The schedule hereto attached and forming part of this report shows the re-arrangement or distribution of the Lodges among the Districts and the suggested changes in the title or names of the several districts.

The necessity for re-arrangement of Lodges and creation of new districts is obvious, when it is borne in mind that since the last distribution, in 1916, there has been added to our roll of membership 39,000, and 114 new lodges, and that for several years past Grand Lodge has been in receipt of applications from D. D. G. Ms. and from subordinate lodges, requesting transfers from one district to another, and for the creation of new Districts.

The plan of redistribution is the subject matter of a Notice of Motion, which was printed and forwarded to all subordinate Lodges.

The Committee is of the opinion that Grand Lodge will be better served by distributing its 563 Lodges among 32 Districts, increasing the number of districts by 4.

The Committee desire to acknowledge the very valuable assistance rendered by W. Brother G. M. Malone, Secretary of the Committee, who took sole charge of the correspondence, collecting in data and preparation of maps, in connection with the work of redistribution.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

E. T. Malone, Chairman
W. N. Ponton,
F. W. Harcourt,
W.M.Logan,
Committee

Dated at Toronto this 20th day of June, 1923.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, K. C., seconded by M. W. Bro. F. W. Harcourt and Resolved:

That the report of the Committee appointed by Grand Lodge in 1921, in connection with the re-distribution of Lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction, and the re-constitution of the districts, be adopted, and that the changes therein recommended in the re-distribution of lodges and the re-constitution of districts become effective immediately.

ALGOMA DISTRICT—(14 Lodges)**D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Hubert S. Galloway, Kenora**

No. 287—Shuniah.....	Port Arthur	No. 461—Ionic.....	Rainy River
No. 414—Pequonga.....	Kenora	No. 484—Golden Star.....	Dryden
No. 415—Fort William.....	Fort William	No. 499—Port Arthur.....	Port Arthur
No. 417—Keewatin.....	Keewatin	No. 511—Connaught W.....	Port William
No. 445—Lake of the Woods.....	Kenora	No. 518—Sioux Lookout	Sioux L'kout
No. 446—Granite.....	Fort Frances	No. 584—Kaministiquia	Port William
No. 453—Royal.....	Fort William	No. 618—Thunder Bay	Port Arthur

BRANT DISTRICT—(14 Lodges)**D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Charles S. Graham, Hagersville**

No. 35—St. Johns.....	Cayuga	No. 243—St. George.....	St. George
No. 45—Brant.....	Brantford	No. 319—Hiram.....	Hagersville
No. 82—St. Johns.....	Paris	No. 329—King Solomon.....	Jarvis
No. 106—Burford.....	Burford	No. 505—Lynden.....	Lynden
No. 113—Wilson.....	Waterford	No. 508—Ozias.....	Brantford
No. 121—Doric.....	Brantford	No. 515—Reba.....	Brantford
No. 193—Scotland.....	Scotland	No. 519—Onondaga.....	Onondaga

BRUCE DISTRICT—(12 Lodges)**D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. George Sirrs, Cargill**

No. 131—St. Lawrence.....	Southampton	No. 393—Forest.....	Chesley
No. 197—Saugeen.....	Walkerton	No. 396—Cedar.....	Warton
No. 235—Aldworth.....	Paisley	No. 429—Port Elgin.....	Port Elgin
No. 262—Harriston.....	Harriston	No. 431—Moravian.....	Cargill
No. 315—Clifford.....	Clifford	No. 432—Hanover.....	Hanover
No. 362—Maple Leaf.....	Tara	No. 436—Burns.....	Hepworth

CHATHAM DISTRICT—(14 Lodges)**D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Angus Graham, Thamesville**

No. 46—Wellington.....	Chatham	No. 327—Hammond.....	Wardsville
No. 245—Tecumseh.....	Thamesville	No. 336—Highgate.....	Highgate
No. 255—Sydenham.....	Dresden	No. 390—Florence.....	Florence
No. 267—Parthenon.....	Chatham	No. 391—Howard.....	Ridgetown
No. 274—Kent.....	Blenheim	No. 422—Star of the East.....	Bothwell
No. 282—Lorne.....	Glencoe	No. 457—Century.....	Merlin
No. 231—Pnyx.....	Wallaceburg	No. 563—Victory.....	Chatham

EASTERN DISTRICT—(18 Lodges)**D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Charles F. Whittaker, Williamsburg**

No. 21a—St. Johns.....	Vankleek Hill	No. 418—Maxville.....	Maxville
No. 125—Cornwall.....	Cornwall	No. 439—Alexandria.....	Alexandria
No. 142—Excelsior.....	Morrisburg	No. 450—Hawkesbury.....	Hawkesbury
No. 143—Friendly Brothers.....	Iroquois	No. 452—Avonmore.....	Avonmore
No. 186—Plantagenet.....	Riceville	No. 458—Wales.....	Wales
No. 207—Lancaster.....	Lancaster	No. 480—Williamsburg.....	Williamsburg
No. 256—Farran's Point.....	Aultsville	No. 491—Cardinal.....	Cardinal
No. 320—Chesterville.....	Chesterville	No. 557—Finch.....	Finch
No. 383—Henderson.....	Winchester	No. 596—Martintown.....	Martintown

FRONTENAC DISTRICT—(18 Lodges)**D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. John G. Fennell, Napanee**

No. 3—Ancient St. Johns.....	Kingston	No. 253—Minden.....	Kingston
No. 9—Union.....	Napanee	No. 299—Victoria.....	Centreville
No. 92—Cataraqui.....	Kingston	No. 404—Lorne.....	Tamworth
No. 109—Albion.....	Harrowsmith	No. 441—Westport.....	Westport
No. 119—Maple Leaf.....	Bath	No. 460—Rideau.....	Seeley's Bay
No. 146—Prince of Wales.....	Newburgh	No. 497—St. Andrew's.....	Arden
No. 157—Simpson.....	Newboro	No. 578—Queen's.....	Kingston
No. 201—Leeds.....	Gananoque	No. 585—Royal Edward.....	Kingston
No. 228—Prince Arthur.....	Odessa	U.D.—Frontenac.....	Sharbot Lake

GEORGIAN DISTRICT—(19 Lodges)**D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Walter N. Duff, Barrie**

No. 90—Manito.....Collingwood	No. 304—Minerva.....Stroud
No. 96—Corinthian.....Barrie	No. 348—Georgian.....Penetanguishene
No. 137—Pythagoras.....Meaford	No. 385—Spry.....Beeton
No. 192—Orillia.....Orillia	No. 444—Nitetis.....Creemore
No. 239—Kerr.....Barrie	No. 466—Coronation.....Elmvale
No. 234—Beaver.....Clarksburg	No. 467—Tottenham.....Tottenham
No. 236—Manitoba.....Cookstown	No. 470—Victoria.....Victoria Harbour
No. 249—Caledonian.....Midland	No. 492—Karnak.....Coldwater
No. 266—Northern Light.....Stayner	No. 538—Earl Kitchener. Pt. McNicol
No. 285—Seven Star.....Alliston	

GREY DISTRICT—(12 Lodges)**D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. William G. Blackwell, Dundalk**

No. 88—St. George's.....Owen Sound	No. 333—Prince Arthur.....Flesherton
No. 200—St. Alban's.....Mount Forest	No. 334—Prince Arthur.....Arthur
No. 216—Harris.....Orangeville	No. 377—Lorne.....Shelburne
No. 271—Wellington.....Erin	No. 421—Scott.....Grand Valley
No. 306—Durham.....Durham	No. 449—Dundalk.....Dundalk
No. 322—North Star.....Owen Sound	No. 490—Hiram.....Markdale

HAMILTON DISTRICT A—(16 Lodges)**D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. John M. MacKenzie, Milton**

No. 6—Barton.....Hamilton	No. 357—Waterdown.....Millgrove
No. 40—St. Johns.....Hamilton	No. 400—Oakville.....Oakville
No. 100—Valley.....Dundas	No. 475—Dundurn.....Hamilton
No. 135—St. Clair.....Milton	No. 513—Corinthian.....Hamilton
No. 165—Burlington.....Burlington	No. 551—Tuscan.....Hamilton
No. 272—Seymour.....Ancaster	No. 562—Hamilton.....Hamilton
No. 291—Dufferin.....W. Flamboro	No. 602—Hugh Murray.....Hamilton
No. 324—Temple.....Hamilton	No. 603—Campbell.....Campbellville

HAMILTON DISTRICT B—(15 Lodges)**D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Erland Lee, Stoney Creek**

No. 7—Union.....Grimsby	No. 495—Electric.....Hamilton
No. 27—Strict Observance Hamilton	No. 544—Lincoln.....Abingdon
No. 57—Harmony.....Binbrook	No. 549—Ionic.....Hamilton
No. 61—Acacia.....Hamilton	No. 550—Buchanan.....Hamilton
No. 62—St. Andrews.....Caledonia	No. 555—Wardrope.....Hamilton
No. 166—Wentworth.....Stoney Creek	No. 593—St. Andrews.....Hamilton
No. 185—Enniskillen.....York	No. 594—Hillcrest.....Hamilton
No. 382—Doric.....Hamilton	

LONDON DISTRICT—(23 Lodges)**D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Thomas H. Martin, Denfield**

No. 20—St. Johns'.....London	No. 358—Delaware Valley.....Delaware
No. 42—St. George's.....London	No. 378—King Solomon's.....London
No. 64—Kilwinning.....London	No. 379—Middlesex.....Bryanston
No. 107—St. Paul's.....Lambeth	No. 380—Union.....London
No. 190—Belmont.....Belmont	No. 388—Henderson.....Ilderton
No. 195—Tuscan.....London	No. 394—King Solomon.....Thamesford
No. 209a—St. John's.....London	No. 399—Moffat.....Harrietsville
No. 289—Doric.....Lobo	No. 529—Myra.....Komoka
No. 300—Mount Olivet.....Thorndale	No. 580—Acacia.....London
No. 330—Corinthian.....London	No. 597—Temple.....London
No. 344—Merrill.....Dorchester Sta.	No. 610—Ashlar.....Byron
No. 345—Nilestown.....Nilestown	

MUSKOKA DISTRICT—(8 Lodges)**D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. A. W. Freeland, Emsdale**

No. 352—Granite.....Parry Sound	No. 423—Strong.....Sundridge
No. 360—Muskoka.....Bracebridge	No. 434—Algonquin.....Elsmdale
No. 376—Unity.....Huntsville	No. 443—Powassan.....Powassan
No. 409—Golden Rule.....Gravenhurst	No. 454—Corona.....Burk's Falls

NIAGARA DISTRICT—(24 Lodges)**D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Arthur B. Damude, Fonthill**

No. 2—Niagara.....Niagara	No. 337—Myrtle.....Port Robinson
No. 15—St. George's St. Catharines	No. 338—Dufferin.....Wellandport
No. 32—Amity.....Dunnville	No. 372—Palmer.....Bridgeburg
No. 103—Maple Leaf St. Catharines	No. 373—Copestone.....Welland
No. 105—St. Marks.....Niagara Falls	No. 471—King Edward VII Chippawa
No. 115—Ivy.....Beamsville	No. 502—Coronation.....Smithville
No. 168—Merritt.....Welland	No. 535—Phoenix.....Fonthill
No. 169—Macnab.....Pt. Colborne	No. 573—Adoniram.....Niagara Falls
No. 221—Mountain.....Thorold	No. 613—Fort Erie.....Fort Erie
No. 254—Clifton.....Niagara Falls	No. 614—Adanac.....Merritton
No. 277—Seymour.....Port Dalhousie	No. 615—Dominion.....Ridgeway
No. 296—Temple.....St. Catharines	No. 616—Perfection.....St. Catharines

NIPISSING DISTRICT—(15 Lodges)**D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. W. A. Simpson, Sault Ste. Marie**

No. 405—Mattawa.....Mattawa	No. 472—Gore Bay.....Gore Bay
No. 412—Keystone Sault Ste. Marie	No. 487—Penewobikong Blind River
No. 420—Nipissing.....North Bay	No. 527—Espanola.....Espanola
No. 427—Nickel.....Sudbury	No. 536—Algonquin.....Copper Cliff
No. 442—Dymont.....Thessalon	No. 588—National.....Capreol
No. 447—Sturgeon Falls Sturgeon Falls	No. 617—North Bay.....North Bay
No. 455—Doric.....Little Current	U.D.—Lorne.....Chapleau
No. 469—Algoma.....Sault Ste. Marie	

NORTH HURON DISTRICT—(12 Lodges)**D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Samuel Wilton, Brussels**

No. 93—Northern Light Kincardine	No. 286—Wingham.....Wingham
No. 162—Forest.....Wroxeter	No. 303—Blyth.....Blyth
No. 184—Old Light.....Lucknow	No. 314—Blair.....Palmerston
No. 225—Bernard.....Listowel	No. 331—Fordwich.....Fordwich
No. 276—Teeswater.....Teeswater	No. 341—Bruce.....Tiverton
No. 284—St. Johns.....Brussels	No. 568—Hullett.....Londesboro

ONTARIO DISTRICT—(12 Lodges)**D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Ernest J. Wormington, Cobourg**

No. 17—St. John's.....Cobourg	No. 91—Colborne.....Colborne
No. 26—Ontario.....Port Hope	No. 114—Hope.....Port Hope
No. 30—Composite.....Whitby	No. 139—Lebanon.....Oshawa
No. 31—Jerusalem.....Bowmanville	No. 270—Cedar.....Oshawa
No. 39—Mount Zion.....Brooklin	No. 325—Orono.....Orono
No. 66—Durham.....Newcastle	No. 428—Fidelity.....Port Perry

OTTAWA DISTRICT—(27 Lodges)**D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Thomas S. Church, Arnprior**

No. 52—Dalhousie.....Ottawa	No. 459—Cobden.....Cobden
No. 58—Doric.....Ottawa	No. 465—Carleton.....Carp
No. 63—St. John's.....Carleton Place	No. 476—Corinthian.....North Gower
No. 122—Renfrew.....Renfrew	No. 479—Russell.....Russell
No. 128—Pembroke.....Pembroke	No. 516—Enterprise.....Beachburg
No. 147—Mississippi.....Almonte	No. 517—Hazeldean.....Hazeldean
No. 148—Civil Service.....Ottawa	No. 526—Ionic.....Westboro
No. 159—Goodwood.....Richmond	No. 558—Sidney Albert Luke Ottawa
No. 177—The Builders.....Ottawa	No. 560—St. Andrew's.....Ottawa
No. 196—Madawaska.....Arnprior	No. 561—Acacia.....Westboro
No. 231—Lodge of Fidelity.....Ottawa	No. 564—Ashlar.....Ottawa
No. 264—Chaudiere.....Ottawa	No. 590—Defenders.....Ottawa
No. 371—Prince of Wales.....Ottawa	No. 595—Rideau.....Ottawa
No. 433—Bonnehche.....Eganville	

PETERBOROUGH DISTRICT—(10 Lodges)**D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Frank C. Bonnycastle, Campbellford**

No. 101—Corinthian.....Peterborough	No. 223—Norwood.....Norwood
No. 126—Golden Rule.....Campbellford	No. 313—Clementi.....Lakefield
No. 145—J. B. Hall.....Millbrook	No. 374—Keene.....Keene
No. 155—Peterborough.....Peterborough	No. 435—Havelock.....Havelock
No. 161—Percy.....Warkworth	No. 523—Royal Arthur Peterborough

PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT—(16 Lodges)**D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Thomas E. Laycock, Marmora**

No. 11—Moirs.....	Belleville	No. 127—Franck.....	Frankford
No. 18—Prince Edward.....	Pictou	No. 164—Star in the East.....	Wellington
No. 29—United.....	Brighton	No. 215—Lake.....	Ameliasburg
No. 38—Trent.....	Trenton	No. 222—Marmora.....	Marmora
No. 48—Madoc.....	Madoc	No. 239—Tweed.....	Tweed
No. 50—Consecon.....	Consecon	No. 283—Eureka.....	Belleville
No. 69—Stirling.....	Stirling	No. 401—Craig.....	Deseronto
No. 123—Belleville.....	Belleville	No. 482—Bancroft.....	Bancroft

SARNIA DISTRICT,—(21 Lodges)**D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. A. D. Armstrong, Brigiden**

No. 56—Victoria.....	Sarnia	No. 307—Arkona.....	Arkona
No. 81—St. Johns.....	Mount Brydges	No. 323—Alvinston.....	Alvinston
No. 83—Beaver.....	Strathroy	No. 328—Tonic.....	Napier
No. 116—Cassia.....	Thedford	No. 392—Huron.....	Camlachie
No. 153—Burns.....	Wyoming	No. 397—Leopold.....	Brigiden
No. 158—Alexandra.....	Oil Springs	No. 419—Liberty.....	Sarnia
No. 194—Petrolia.....	Petrolia	No. 425—St. Clair.....	Sarnia
No. 238—Havelock.....	Watford	No. 437—Tuscan.....	Sarnia
No. 260—Washington.....	Petrolia	No. 503—Inwood.....	Inwood
No. 263—Forest.....	Forest	No. 601—St. Paul.....	Sarnia
No. 294—Moore.....	Courtright		

SOUTH HURON DISTRICT—(18 Lodges)**D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. John Stevenson, Stratford**

No. 33—Maitland.....	Goderich	No. 233—Doric.....	Parkhill
No. 73—St. James.....	St. Mary's	No. 309—Morning Star.....	Carlow
No. 84—Clinton.....	Clinton	No. 332—Stratford.....	Stratford
No. 133—Lebanon Forest.....	Exeter	No. 456—Elma.....	Monkton
No. 141—Tudor.....	Mitchell	No. 478—Milverton.....	Milverton
No. 144—Tecumseh.....	Stratford	No. 483—Granton.....	Granton
No. 154—Irving.....	Lucan	No. 493—St. Mary's.....	St. Mary's
No. 170—Britannia.....	Seaforth	No. 574—Craig.....	Ailsa Craig
No. 224—Zurich.....	Hensall	No. 609—Tavistock.....	Tavistock

ST. LAWRENCE DISTRICT—(18 Lodges)**D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Fred Bellamy, Brockville**

No. 5—Sussex.....	Brockville	No. 242—Macoy.....	Mallorytown
No. 14—True Britons.....	Perth	No. 368—Salem.....	Brockville
No. 24—St. Francis.....	Smith's Falls	No. 370—Harmony.....	Delta
No. 28—Mount Zion.....	Kemptville	No. 387—Lansdowne.....	Lansdowne
No. 55—Merrickville.....	Merrickville	No. 389—Crystal F'n'tain N. Augusta	
No. 74—St. James.....	South Augusta	No. 416—Lyn.....	Lyn
No. 85—Rising Sun.....	Athens	No. 489—Osiris.....	Smith's Falls
No. 110—Central.....	Prescott	No. 504—Otter.....	Lombardy
No. 209—Evergreen.....	Lanark	No. 556—Nation.....	Spencerville

ST. THOMAS DISTRICT—(13 Lodges)**D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Thomas L. Cochrane, St. Thomas**

No. 44—St. Thomas.....	St. Thomas	No. 237—Vienna.....	Vienna
No. 94—St. Marks.....	Port Stanley	No. 302—St. Davids.....	St. Thomas
No. 120—Warren.....	Fingal	No. 364—Duffrin.....	Melbourne
No. 140—Malahide.....	Aylmer	No. 386—McColl.....	West Lorne
No. 171—Prince of Wales, Lawrence St.		No. 411—Rodney.....	Rodney
No. 181—Oriental.....	Port Burwell	No. 546—Talbot.....	St. Thomas
No. 232—Cameron.....	Dutton		

TEMISKAMING DISTRICT—(10 Lodges)**D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. James Paterson, Englehart**

No. 462—Temiskaming New Liskeard		No. 528—Golden Beaver.....	Timmins
No. 485—Haileybury.....	Haileybury	No. 530—Cochrane.....	Cochrane
No. 486—Silver.....	Cobalt	No. 534—Englehart.....	Englehart
No. 506—Porcupine.....	Porcupine	No. 540—Abitibi.....	Iroquois Falls
No. 507—Elk Lake.....	Elk Lake	U.D.—Doric.....	Kirkland Lake

TORONTO DISTRICT A—(24 Lodges)**D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Francis G. I. Whetter, Toronto**

No. 229—Ionic.....	Brampton	No. 531—High Park.....	Toronto
No. 305—Humber.....	Weston	No. 548—General Mercer.....	Toronto
No. 346—Occident.....	Toronto	No. 563—Kilwinning.....	Toronto
No. 356—River Park.....	Streetsville	No. 566—King Hiram.....	Toronto
No. 369—Mimico.....	Lambton Mills	No. 575—Fidelity.....	Toronto
No. 426—Stanley.....	Toronto	No. 582—Sunnyside.....	Toronto
No. 474—Victoria.....	Toronto	No. 583—Transportation.....	Toronto
No. 501—Connaught.....	Mimico	No. 587—Patricia.....	Toronto
No. 510—Parkdale.....	Toronto	No. 599—Mt. Dennis.....	Toronto
No. 522—Mt. Sinai.....	Toronto	No. 600—Maple Leaf.....	Toronto
No. 524—Mississauga.....	Port Credit	No. 605—Melita.....	Toronto
No. 525—Temple.....	Toronto	No. 619—Runnymede.....	Toronto

TORONTO DISTRICT B—(26 Lodges)**D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Richard J. Shier, Sunderland**

No. 16—St. Andrews.....	Toronto	No. 430—Acacia.....	Toronto
No. 25—Ionic.....	Toronto	No. 464—King Edward.....	Sunderland
No. 75—St. John's.....	Toronto	No. 473—Beaches.....	Toronto
No. 87—Markham Union.....	Markham	No. 494—Rivendale.....	Toronto
No. 136—Richardson.....	Stouffville	No. 520—Coronati.....	Toronto
No. 218—Stevenson.....	Toronto	No. 532—Canada.....	Toronto
No. 220—Zeredatha.....	Uxbridge	No. 543—Imperial.....	Toronto
No. 269—Brougham Union.....	Claremont	No. 545—Jno Ross Robertson.....	Toronto
No. 316—Doric.....	Toronto	No. 552—Queen City.....	Toronto
No. 339—Orient.....	Toronto	No. 567—St. Aidans.....	Toronto
No. 343—Georgina.....	Toronto	No. 576—Mimosa.....	Toronto
No. 354—Brock.....	Cannington	No. 612—Birch Cliff.....	Birch Cliff
No. 424—Doric.....	Pickering	No. 620—Bay of Quinte.....	Toronto

TORONTO DISTRICT C—(23 Lodges)**D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. A. L. Tinker, Toronto**

No. 22—King Solomon.....	Toronto	No. 438—Harmony.....	Toronto
No. 23—Richmond.....	Richmond Hill	No. 481—Corinthian.....	Toronto
No. 65—Rehoboam.....	Toronto	No. 512—Malone.....	Sutton
No. 79—Simcoe.....	Bradford	No. 542—Metropolitan.....	Toronto
No. 86—Wilson.....	Toronto	No. 553—Oakwood.....	Toronto
No. 97—Sharon.....	Queensville	No. 577—St. Clair.....	Toronto
No. 99—Tuscan.....	Newmarket	No. 581—Harcourt.....	Toronto
No. 129—Rising Sun.....	Aurora	No. 591—North Gate.....	Toronto
No. 156—York.....	Toronto	No. 592—Fairbank.....	Toronto
No. 247—Ashlar.....	Toronto	No. 606—Unity.....	Toronto
No. 265—Patterson.....	Thornhill	No. 607—Golden Fleece.....	Toronto
No. 326—Zetland.....	Toronto		

TORONTO DISTRICT D—(22 Lodges)**D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Charles G. Anderson, Toronto**

No. 54—Vaughan.....	Maple	No. 533—Shamrock.....	Toronto
No. 98—True Blue.....	Bolton	No. 537—Ulster.....	Toronto
No. 118—Union.....	Schomberg	No. 541—Tuscan.....	Toronto
No. 292—Robertson.....	King	No. 547—Victory.....	Toronto
No. 311—Blackwood.....	Woodbridge	No. 559—Palestine.....	Toronto
No. 367—St. George.....	Toronto	No. 570—Dufferin.....	Toronto
No. 384—Alpha.....	Toronto	No. 571—Antiquity.....	Toronto
No. 410—Zeta.....	Toronto	No. 572—Mizpah.....	Toronto
No. 468—Peel.....	Caledon East	No. 586—War Veterans.....	Toronto
No. 496—University.....	Toronto	No. 589—Grey.....	Toronto
No. 514—St. Alban's.....	Toronto	No. 611—Huron-Bruce.....	Toronto

VICTORIA DISTRICT—(12 Lodges)**D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. William T. E. Jobe, Kirkfield**

No. 77—Faithful Brethren.....	Lindsay	No. 440—Arcadia.....	Minden
No. 268—Verulam.....	Bobcaygeon	No. 451—Somerville.....	Kinmount
No. 375—Lorne.....	Omeme	No. 463—North Entrance.....	Haliburton
No. 398—Victoria.....	Kirkfield	No. 477—Harding.....	Woodville
No. 406—Spry.....	Fenelon Falls	No. 498—King George V.....	Cobocouk
No. 408—Murray.....	Beaverton	No. 608—Gothic.....	Lindsay

WELLINGTON DISTRICT—(18 Lodges)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Martin Schiedel, Kitchener

No. 72—Alma.....	Galt	No. 279—New Hope.....	Hespeler
No. 151—Grand River.....	Kitchener	No. 295—Conestogo.....	Drayton
No. 172—Ayr.....	Ayr	No. 297—Preston.....	Preston
No. 180—Speed.....	Guelph	No. 318—Wilmot.....	Baden
No. 203—Irvine.....	Elora	No. 321—Walker.....	Acton
No. 205—New Dom'on, NewHamburg		No. 347—Mercer.....	Fergus
No. 219—Credit.....	Georgetown	No. 361—Waverley.....	Guelph
No. 257—Galt.....	Galt	No. 509—Twin City.....	Kitchener
No. 258—Guelph.....	Guelph	No. 539—Waterloo.....	Waterloo

WILSON DISTRICT—(17 Lodges)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Edward W. Moles, Norwich

No. 10—Norfolk.....	Simcoe	No. 174—Walsingham.....	Port Rowan
No. 37—King Hiram.....	Ingersoll	No. 178—Plattsville.....	Plattsville
No. 43—King Solomon's.....	Woodstock	No. 217—Frederick.....	Delhi
No. 68—St. John's.....	Ingersoll	No. 250—Thistle.....	Embro
No. 76—Oxford.....	Woodstock	No. 259—Springfield.....	Springfield
No. 78—King Hiram.....	Tillsonburg	No. 261—Oak Branch.....	Innerkip
No. 104—St. John's.....	Norwich	No. 359—Vittoria.....	Vittoria
No. 108—Blenheim.....	Princeton	No. 569—Doric.....	Lakeside
No. 149—Erie.....	Port Dover		

WINDSOR DISTRICT—(16 Lodges)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Andrew H. Dalziel, Windsor

No. 34—Thistle.....	Amherstburg	No. 448—Xenophon.....	Wheatley
No. 41—St. George.....	Kingsville	No. 488—King Edward.....	Harrow
No. 47—Great Western.....	Windsor	No. 500—Rose.....	Windsor
No. 290—Leamington.....	Leamington	No. 521—Ontario.....	Windsor
No. 395—Parvaim.....	Comber	No. 554—Border Cities.....	Windsor
No. 402—Central.....	Essex	No. 579—Harmony.....	Windsor
No. 403—Windsor.....	Windsor	No. 598—Dominion.....	Windsor
No. 413—Naphtali.....	Tilbury	No. 604—Palace.....	Windsor

RECAPITULATION

Algoma District.....	14 Lodges
Brant District.....	14 Lodges
Bruce District.....	12 Lodges
Chatham District.....	14 Lodges
Eastern District.....	18 Lodges
Frontenac District.....	18 Lodges
Georgian District.....	19 Lodges
Grey District.....	12 Lodges
Hamilton A District.....	16 Lodges
Hamilton B District.....	15 Lodges
London.....	23 Lodges
Muskoka District.....	8 Lodges
Niagara District.....	24 Lodges
Nipissing District.....	15 Lodges
North Huron District.....	12 Lodges
Ontario District.....	12 Lodges
Ottawa District.....	27 Lodges
Peterborough District.....	10 Lodges
Prince Edward District.....	16 Lodges
Samia District.....	21 Lodges
South Huron District.....	18 Lodges
St. Lawrence District.....	18 Lodges
St. Thomas.....	13 Lodges
Temiskaming District.....	10 Lodges
Toronto A District.....	24 Lodges
Toronto B District.....	26 Lodges
Toronto C District.....	23 Lodges
Toronto D District.....	22 Lodges
Victoria District.....	12 Lodges
Wellington District.....	18 Lodges
Wilson District.....	17 Lodges
Windsor District.....	16 Lodges

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON THE CONDITION OF MASONRY

R.W. Bro. Thomas Shanks presented the Report of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry, as follows:

M. W. Sir:—

In considering the condition of Masonry the question arises as to the relative importance of studying the influences and aspects that are international and world wide, or those that are merely of local interest. A perusal of reports submitted to other Grand Jurisdictions by similar committees indicates that the practice of limiting the field to the particular Grand Lodge territory affected is a very general one. The Committee on Fraternal correspondence is the principal channel through which the reading Mason may learn of the activities of the order in other jurisdictions than his own. Reference was made in the report of this Committee a year ago to the value of the work of the corps of writers and reviewers who sift out the items of interest from the proceedings of the various Grand lodges and present them as appendices to the annual volumes of proceedings. These reviews will well repay attentive perusal, close study, and serious contemplation, and your Committee again recommends them to the thoughtful consideration of all who are desirous of learning something of the universality of the fraternity.

In studying the condition of Masonry in this jurisdiction there may be too much of an inclination to base a judgment on reports which may be unconsciously influenced by the enthusiasm of officers who are in the sunshine of popular approval for the time being. The special occasions on which the representatives of the Grand Master are received and honoured cannot be ignored as indications of the inner life of the organization, but they should not be regarded as unfailing guides by which to measure the progress and the tone of the society as a whole. One cannot judge of the potential resources of the institution by the occasional crowds at the District Deputy's meeting, or the periodical ebullitions at the banquet table, any more than he can gauge the depth and volume and en-

riching properties of a stream by the showy ripples that rise from some artificial disturbance beneath the surface. However, a study of the reports of the District Deputies will furnish convincing evidence that in general they were not prepared from data gathered from spasmodic and superficial investigation, or while temporarily exhilarated by the glamour of place or power, but that they are the result of painstaking labour involving a sacrifice of time and comfort, for which they merit the grateful commendation of the Craft throughout the jurisdiction.

These reports indicate that general harmony prevails and that the ceremonial and business work of the Lodges is well looked after. The membership is increasing, the leaders in the Craft are men of standing and ability, the traditional landmarks have been respected, and any misunderstandings that may have clouded the reputation of the Order in the estimation of the outside world have been largely removed. It would be a bold and unjustifiable statement if one were to assert that the condition of Masonry in this Province is not generally satisfactory, and he would be regarded as a restless and imprudent agitator who would venture to suggest any material change in our procedure and organization. But it would be well to guard against a self-satisfied complacency which is far more dangerous than an intelligent spirit of unrest. Institutions, like organisms, must be adapted to their circumstances or suffer virtual extinction. Not to be in touch with advancing time signifies retrogression. With a commendable prudence which is the best guarantee of the sincerity of its striving for a universal brotherhood, Anglo-Saxon Masonry prohibits a participation as an order in political or religious activities or controversies, but there is much that can be done outside the area of debatable ground that would not be detrimental to the public interest, or to the harmony of our communications, but on the contrary that would be highly beneficial to the general welfare, not only of the fraternity, but of the community as a whole. One has only to consider the general principles which form the foundation of the institution to find justification for active measures for the amelioration of suffering, the

removal of misunderstandings, the cultivation of charity in thought, in word, and in action, the teaching and practice of toleration and fraternity, and the dissemination of light and truth. The problem which presents the greatest difficulty is how to convert these theoretical considerations into activities of a practical character while at the same time preserving the essential features that make Masonry distinctive in character and unique in individuality.

Society today is honeycombed with organizations that are alive to the practical demands of the times and that are ministering in numerous ways to the needs of various classes of people. In many of these the most active workers are members of the Masonic Order, and the question is frequently asked why Masonry cannot make use of their energies and why it is unable to provide a fertile field for the exercise of their benevolent and philanthropic sympathies. Perhaps we are not using the machinery of our organization with vision and intelligence. If constituent lodges in many cases fail to initiate movements that entail personal sacrifice on the part of the members, but which repay an hundredfold by the harvest of good accomplished, it is due to one of two reasons; either the officers have not had the foresight to direct along proper channels, or the members have substituted a listless inaction for the zeal that should be converted into service by the sublime teachings of the degrees. Masonry in each community may do much practical good if its members are animated by the spirit of Masonic service, but caution must be exercised lest the modernizing craze for publicity should be a more seductive stimulus than the loftier motives of self-denial and devotion to duty.

The charge is sometimes made against the Order that many of our initiates are attracted to it because they hope to receive some selfish return for the money expended. At the very threshold the applicant is cautioned that Masonry does not place the emphasis on the material progress or financial prosperity, but that service is to be the standard by which the value of his Masonic membership shall be measured. The initiate who has been attracted by the lure of mystery or the charm of antiquity, and to whom the admonition

of unselfish service is merely farcial formula, soon becomes disappointed with results and joins the army of passive adherents or the ranks of the non-affiliates. The insistent demand by those who think that publicity is a criterion of importance is for some display of action, some demonstration which will be evidence that Masonry is doing a real work in the world. The silent influence of Masonry's educational and ethical teaching is ignored and the blatant claims of those who can measure success only by tangible and material results drown out the calmer and more reasonable contentions of those who believe that more good can be done by a leaven within than by a lever without. The silent influence, the quiet dignity, the persistent precept, perhaps do not furnish the spectacular splendour of parades and pagentry, but they are powerful factors in securing a more permanent recognition of man's duties to his fellow man and to his creator. Just as the mountain granite is slowly but surely worn away by the constant action of the tiny stream that trickles from the hidden fountain, so the hard and unbending attitude of malice or suspicion, or ill will is softened by the line upon line of Masonic teaching.

A problem that in many cases baffles solution is that of retaining members as active and enthusiastic supporters of the Order after the first thrill of fascination has changed to the more tranquil and philosophic attitude of ever-day consideration. No one can deny the fact that it is of frequent occurrence for many who have not fully understood the objects of the Order, or who expect something continuously spectacular, to become listless if not discontented, and to withdraw from active participation in the work of the Lodge. Your Committee feels that this condition of affairs does not receive the consideration which it deserves. If the man who is continually in the limelight of office, or the one who has specific duties to perform which necessitate his presence at the meetings, is asked why the attendance is not more encouraging, he will probably place the whole blame on the non-attendant and will give it as his opinion that the soil is stony or barren and that the apathy is wholly due to the inexcusable carelessness of the absent member. But this explanation must fail to satisfy those who have given the subject much thought.

More will be learned if we approach the question from the angle presented to the side bencher. Is it fair to expect that he will be content to sit meeting after meeting with nothing more attractive to hold his attention or to enlist his interest than the reiteration of ritual and repetition of ceremonies that are undoubtedly fascinating when presented at intervals, but which lose their impressiveness when repeated to the point of monotony and under the strain of expeditious anxiety rather than from the viewpoint of dignified rendering? We ask too much when we expect thoughtful men to be satisfied with what must degenerate into a weary grind of degree work. They may attend with interested attention and with an opportunity for enlightening improvement when an occasional degree is presented but when the same truths are taught by too frequent repetition under circumstances that emphasize the form rather than the spirit, the tendency is to create an atmosphere of indifference among those who participate only as auditors and spectators.

One of the great secrets of Masonic enthusiasm is the practical application of the theory of co-operation. It is unreasonable to expect that a member will retain a great degree of interest in the affairs of the Lodge unless he is an active participant therein. This does not mean the advocacy of a policy of indiscriminate and indiscreet division of responsibility where organization is neglected and careful supervision is ignored. There are some members who are not fitted for assuming the responsibilities of office and whose promotion would be a detriment rather than a benefit, but on the other hand there are men of outstanding ability in the various phases of work whose service should be enlisted in the cause of the Order and if these Brethren are not recognized and appreciated they assume a negative attitude which is a result of listless inactivity rather than of studied neglect. These members are likely to drift into a condition of quiescent relaxation because their energies are not utilized and their suggestions as to helpful co-operation are sometimes treated with indifference or an apparent contempt. The officers of a Lodge are remiss in their duties if they do not find some avenue for the energy and enthusiasm of members who are anxious and willing to lend a hand. Too often through no fault of his own

the neglected and disappointed initiate passes by easy graduations into the ranks of the occasional attendant and eventually joins the growing army of non-affiliates.

Scarcely a yearly communication of this Grand Lodge passes without a warning note being sounded either by the Grand Master or by the Board of General Purposes as to the dangers of a growth characterized more by outward increase in numbers than by inward progress in tone and quality. It is not necessarily a reproach against any organization that its teachings evoke a sympathetic response in the hearts of the multitude, and it is still less a cause for apprehension when its public declarations and its secret ceremonies discourage the admission of men whose purposes are selfish and whose admiration for the Order bears a direct proportion to the degree in which it can be used as an agency for the advancement of themselves or of the special schemes which they may be advocating. As an institution Masonry sets its face against that species of propaganda which seeks to display its attractions and proclaim its advantages. It approaches no man as an humble suppliant for his patronage; it trims no sails to the favouring breezes of popular fancy; it listens not to the song of the sirens whose honeyed blandishments would tempt it from the safer channels of peace and prudence. But it does not ignore the necessity for the kind of publicity that must attract to its ranks men of good-will from whatever station in life they come. While it deprecates the beating of drums and the flourish of trumpets it does not blind itself to the fact that the life-blood of the institution depends for its purity and enrichment on the accession to its ranks of men whose aspirations are sincerely unselfish and who can be trusted to hand down to their successors, pure and unsullied, the traditions that have been preserved by the brethren of old who have kept the faith with hopeful trust in the ultimate survival of their cherished ideals of charity and of brotherly love.

The reports of the District Deputies indicate a very general desire on the part of officers to Lodges to make the meetings sufficiently attractive to ensure the regular attendance of members. It is, of course, unnecessary to emphasize the importance of accuracy and sincerity

in the ceremonial work and of methodical and courteous procedure in the transaction of business, but there must also be an atmosphere that will tempt men from surroundings that are less congenial, or from interests that are less absorbing. And among all the agencies that tend to promote the true Masonic comradeship and that make the Lodge room the meeting place of kindred hearts, none is more potent than the spirit of harmony and fraternal toleration. One of the essential characteristics of the Masonic system is its exclusiveness. But this feature loses its value and defeats its purpose if it does not succeed in securing and maintaining a closer union in fellowship and friendship than is possible under the open door policy so frequently advocated by superficial students of our organization. The ties of brotherhood are mere catchwords of the unthinking multitude if they do not mean the warmer handclasp, the sympathetic consideration, the helpful support, the maturer friendship, the fraternal relationship that should exist between men bound together by a common purpose and an affinity of interests. The purpose of the tiled door is to exclude the discordant elements and the selfish atmosphere of the outer world, and a Lodge that exists without the harmony inculcated by Masonic teaching should surrender its charter and in sackcloth and ashes should terminate its ignominious and hypocritical career. The bickerings and misunderstandings of selfishness, envy and jealousy should be as foreign to the environment of a Masonic Lodge as the practice of vicious habits and the violation of social and moral virtue should be to the life of the individual Mason.

The insistent demand for degree work in many Lodges has made it necessary for them to curtail the time ordinarily spent on social enjoyment or in educational work along Masonic lines. But means can be found by the sincere Masonic student for supplementing the lessons of the Ritual and it should be one of the chief aims of the Master of a Lodge to provide the instruction which is necessary to ensure that the young Mason shall be intelligently guided in his quest for knowledge. In this connection it is worth noting that excellent work has been done in some districts by Past Masters' Associations. Under their auspices addresses have been delivered on interesting Masonic subjects, more friendly

relations among Lodges have been promoted, uniformity and perfection in ritualistic work have been encouraged, proposed changes in legislation have been discussed and a healthy impetus has been given to the study of those problems for which the customary routine of the regular meeting may provide no time or place.

In conclusion, your Committee feels that the Craft in Ontario has reason to be proud of its past record, thankful for its present status, and hopeful of its future progress. Its financial condition is sound, its membership is recruited from the best class of our citizens, its teachings are in accord with the sanest principles of liberty and good government, its benevolent grants are administered with a sympathetic regard of those who are the unfortunate victims of adverse circumstances, and its general administration is in line with the best business methods. Its present position is due in a large measure to the wisdom of its membership in selecting for the Grand East men of character and ability who have been willing to scorn delights and live laborious days in the service of the Craft, and our review of the condition of Masonry in this Province would not be complete without some appreciative reference to the splendid work done during the past two years by our Grand Master, Most Wor. Bro. Ponton. He has been untiring in industry, unflagging in enthusiasm and unsparing in attention to duty. His welcome visits to many Masonic centres throughout the jurisdiction, his personal interest in the problems peculiar to each locality, and his impressive addresses to the Brethren have kindled new enthusiasm, awakened new courage, and inspired new hope. The Craft is much the richer for his devoted service.

Faternally submitted,

THOMAS SHANKS,

Chairman.

It was moved by the Deputy Grand Master, seconded by R.W. Bro. Shanks and Resolved: That the Report of the Board on the Condition of Masonry be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE

The Report of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence was presented by the Grand Secretary and, on motion of the Deputy Grand Master, seconded by the Grand Secretary, the Report was received, adopted and ordered to be printed as an Appendix to the Proceedings of Grand Lodge.

SPECIAL REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FRATER- NAL CORRESPONDENCE

R.W. Bro. Thomas Shanks read the following special report on Fraternal Correspondence and on motion of the Deputy Grand Master, seconded by R. W. Bro. Shanks, the report was received and adopted.

1. From the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Philippine Islands protesting against the proposed organization of the "Grand Lojia del Archipielago Filipino" and asking that no recognition be given to it or to any members of lodges under its obedience.

2. From the Grand Lodge of Guatemala asking for official recognition.

Your Committee begs to report as follows:

1. As we have already accorded official recognition to the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Philippine Islands it is recommended that we comply with its request to respect its claim to exclusive jurisdiction over the Philippine Islands.

2. As the Grand Lodge of Guatemala appears to exercise undisputed authority over symbolic Masonry in that State; as it respects the traditional landmarks of legitimate Masonry, and as it has already been recognized by several of the Grand Lodges of the United States with whom we hold fraternal intercourse, it is recommended that it be accorded official recognition by this Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

THOMAS SHANKS, Chairman.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON PRINTING AND SUPPLIES

R.W. Bro. R. T. Richardson, Chairman of the Committee on Printing and Supplies, presented the following report:

PRINTING AND SUPPLIES

The Committee on Printing and Supplies, through the Board of General Purposes, beg to report as follows:—

In presenting the report of the Printing and Supplies Committee at this Sixty-Eighth Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, we are pleased to say the printing business is more settled than it has been for the past eight years.

But, owing to war conditions, and the high cost of material and labor, the last contract dates back to January 1st, 1914. This contract was with The Times Printing Co., of Hamilton, and was for a term of five years. It was with difficulty the Committee were able to have the same completed. During that period, the average cost per year for Printing and Supplies was \$5,820.

Since that time, your Committee have been living (so to speak) from year to year, in the hope that conditions would improve sufficiently to enable them to enter into another advantageous contract. Your Committee is pleased to be able to report that since the contract expired the average cost per year has been only \$6,000, and this in face of the fact that the Craft has almost doubled in membership in the jurisdiction since 1914.

Your Committee have been fortunate in getting several reliable firms to submit figures, and after due consideration, we would most respectfully recommend that the tender of Robert Duncan & Co., of Hamilton, be accepted for a term of five years.

Your Committee is glad to report that the total expenditure for Printing and Supplies was well within the estimate made last year.

Analysis of Printing for 1922-1923

Preliminary reports, Grand Lodge, 1922.....	\$ 488.00	
Tally sheets, etc.....	33.12	
		\$ 521.12
Ceremonies.....		37.10
Letter Books.....	\$ 24.52	
Receipt Books.....	36.31	
Certificates.....	539.31	
		\$ 600.14
Stationery, Grand Master, etc.	\$ 94.27	
Stationery and Supplies, G. Sec'y.....	137.88	
		\$ 232.15
Christmas Cards.....		302.08
Forms, Pledges, etc.....	\$ 151.53	
Circulars.....	114.78	
		\$ 266.31
Printing Proceedings.....	\$2,515.66	
Mailing Covers.....	19.19	
		\$2,534.85
		<u>\$4,493.75</u>

Fraternally submitted,

R. F. RICHARDSON, Chairman.

It was moved by the Deputy Grand Master, seconded by R.W. Bro. Richardson and Resolved: That the Report of the Board on Printing and Supplies be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON AUDIT AND FINANCE

R.W. Bro. George Moore, Chairman of the Committee on Audit and Finance, read the following report:

M.W. SIR:

Your Committee on Audit and Finance, through the Board of General Purposes, have pleasure in reporting that they have examined the books and vouchers of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary. They have been properly and excellently kept and are certified by the Grand Auditor:—

GENERAL ACCOUNT

Receipts

Balance at Credit Canadian Bank of Commerce, May 1st, 1922.....	\$10,095.81	
Less Outstanding Charges ..	1,829.03	
		\$ 8,266.78
Dues from Lodges.....		122,063.05
Returned from Grand Lodges expenses....		4,045.04
Interest on Investments.....		15,775.73
Interest on Bank Deposits.....		656.19
Debentures Matured.....		2,644.24
		<u>\$153,451.03</u>

Expenditure

General Charges.....	\$ 39,392.40	
Benevolent Orders.....	85,175.00	
Toronto General Trusts Corporation Guaranteed Investment.....	15,000.00	
		<u>\$139,567.40</u>
Balance at Canadian Bank of Commerce, May 31st, 1923.....	\$ 15,995.30	
Less Outstanding Cheques.....	2,111.67	
		<u>\$ 13,883.63</u>
		<u>\$153,451.03</u>

SEMI-CENTENNIAL ACCOUNT

Receipts

Balance at Canadian Bank of Commerce, May 31st, 1922.....	\$1,420.71	
Less Outstanding Cheques ..	862.50	
		<u>\$ 558.21</u>

Received from Lodges.....	45.00	
Interest on Investments.....	5,073.53	
Interest on Bank Deposits.....	54.20	
Benevolent Cheque Cancelled.....	32.50	
Debentures Matured.....	733.35	
		\$ 6,496.79

Disbursements

Debentures Purchased.....	\$ 1,000.00	
Benevolent Orders.....	5,115.00	
Balance Canadian Bank of Commerce May 31st, 1923.....	\$ 2,916.79	
Less Outstanding Cheques...	2,535.00	
		\$ 381.79
		\$ 6,496.79

ASSETS

GENERAL ACCOUNT

At Credit Canadian Bank of Commerce, May 31st, 1923.....	\$15,995.30	
Less Outstanding Cheques...	2,111.67	
		\$ 13,883.63
Investments as per Schedule, Face Value.....	\$301,024.84	
		\$314,908.47

SEMI-CENTENNIAL ACCOUNT

At Credit Canadian Bank of Commerce, May 31st, 1923.....	\$ 2,916.79	
Less Outstanding Cheques...	2,535.00	
		\$ 381.79
Investments as per Schedule, Face Value.....	\$103,905.35	
		\$104,287.14
		\$419,195.61

Increase over 1922, \$18,062.84.

Liabilities, nil.

A detailed statement of the Assets of both these funds will be found in the Grand Treasurer's Report.

Bonds of the Canadian Surety Company guaranteeing the fidelity of the Grand Secretary, Brother Attig and Miss Place, have been produced for the inspection of your Committee. The Bonds are in the custody of the Grand Treasurer.

We recommend that the Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master be authorized to renew the same at the expiry thereof.

Your Committee beg to recommend that the salary of the Grand Secretary be increased to \$6,000.

In view of the enormous and rapidly increasing volume of correspondence in connection with applications for benevolence, your Committee has pleasure in recommending that a sum of \$150.00 be voted to the Chairman of the Committee on Benevolence for the services of a stenographer.

ESTIMATES

RECEIPTS

Fees—Registrations of Initiations.....	\$ 18,000.00
Fees—Registrations of Applications.....	1,000.00
Dues.....	94,000.00
Constitutions and Ceremonies.....	3,700.00
Certificates.....	100.00
Dispensations.....	1,100.00
Commutation of Dues.....	5,000.00
Warrants.....	150.00
Miscellaneous.....	1,000.00
Musical Ritual.....	150.00
Interest from Investments, Semi-Centennial Fund.....	5,100.00
Interest from Investments, General Fund.....	16,500.00
	\$145,800.00

EXPENDITURE

Salary, Grand Secretary.....	\$ 6,000.00
Salary, Grand Treasurer's Clerk.....	300.00
Salary, Grand Auditor.....	600.00
Salaries, Office Staff.....	6,800.00
Printing and Stationery.....	7,000.00
Incidental Expenses.....	1,500.00
Certificates and Warrants.....	1,100.00
Insurance.....	140.00
Safety Deposit Box Rental.....	40.00
Rent of Office and Heating.....	1,000.00
Telephone.....	100.00
Postage and Proceedings.....	200.00
Expenses Grand Lodge.....	5,500.00
Expenses on Commissions.....	150.00
Inspection of Benevolent Grants.....	1,800.00
Stenographer for Chairman of Benevolence.....	150.00
Allowance to the Grand Master.....	1,500.00
Stenographer for Grand Master.....	300.00
Additional Allowance to Grand Master, 1922-23.....	500.00
Postage D.G.M. and Com. on Ben.....	40.00
Masonic Relief Association.....	350.00
Chairman Fraternal Correspondence.....	250.00
Allowance Deputy Grand Master.....	250.00
Miscellaneous.....	300.00
Special Printing.....	2,500.00
Benevolent Grants.....	103,459.00
	\$141,829.00

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE MOORE, Chairman.

It was moved by the Deputy Grand Master, seconded by R.W. Bro. Moore and Resolved: That the Report of the Board on Audit and Finance be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS

The Report of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals was presented by the Chairman of the Committee, R.W. Bro. John A. Rowland, as follows:

M. W. SIR.

I beg to present the report of the Board on Grievances and Appeals.

(1) **St. Johns Lodge No. 40 Hamilton vs. J. E. Hardy**

The facts of this case are set out in the 1922 proceedings at page 314. Brother Hardy is now under suspension and was notified to appear at this meeting to show cause why he should not be expelled from the Craft. He has not appeared. The Committee therefore recommend that he be expelled.

(2) **Dalhousie Lodge No. 52 Ottawa v. Godfrey J. Artz.**

This case also came up last year and the facts are reported on page 314 of the 1922 proceedings. Brother Artz is now under suspension and was notified to appear at this meeting to show cause why he should not be expelled. He has written asking that the matter be allowed to stand for a year, but there appears to be no good reason for deferring action. It is still open to him to apply for reinstatement under the provision made for that purpose in the Constitution, if the circumstances warrant it. In the meantime, the Committee recommend that he be expelled.

(3) **Enterprise Lodge No. 516 Beachburg, v. Wm. T. Fisher, James Bennie, Earle Beaupre and A. Gerald.**

This matter came before Grand Lodge last year and is reported at page 316 of the proceedings. The four Brethren named are now under suspension and were notified to appear at this meeting to show cause why they should not be expelled. Three of the brethren appeared before the Committee and spoke for Bro. Bennie who was unable to come. The Master of the Lodge also appeared. It was represented to the Committee that restitution has been made; that Bro. Gerald has been re-engaged by his former employers and now occupies a position of responsibility; and that the general feeling of the Lodge is that as much leniency as possible should be shown to the brethren. The Committee feel that the circumstances of the case do not warrant the removal of the suspension at the present time, and the recommendation of the Board is that further action on the part of Grand Lodge be deferred until the next Annual Communication, and that in the meantime the suspension be continued.

(4) **Canada Lodge No. 532 Toronto v. J. C. Little**

This Brother was convicted of a serious offence on the 27th May, 1922, in the Toronto Police Court and was subsequently placed on trial by the Lodge, found guilty, suspended and recommended for expulsion. The Committee recommend that he be summoned to appear before the Board of General Purposes and Grand Lodge at the next annual meeting to show cause why he should not be expelled from the Craft, and that in the meantime his suspension be continued.

(5) **St. Johns Lodge No. 75 Toronto, v. P. W. McCaffery**

This Brother was convicted of conspiracy to defraud at Toronto in January, 1922, and was sentenced to five years in the Kingston penitentiary. He was subsequently placed on trial by his lodge, found guilty, suspended and recommended for expulsion. The Committee recommend that the suspension be continued and that he be notified to appear before the Board of General Purposes and Grand Lodge at the next annual meeting to show cause why he should not be expelled.

(6) **Shuniah Lodge No. 287 Port Arthur v. J. W. Armstrong**

This Brother was convicted of a serious offence at Toronto in March 1922, and was sentenced to a term in the Kingston penitentiary. He was subsequently placed on trial by the Lodge, found guilty, suspended and recommended for expulsion. The Committee recommend that he be summoned to appear before the Board of General Purposes and Grand Lodge at the next annual meeting to show cause why he should not be expelled and that in the meantime his suspension be continued.

(7) **Occident Lodge No. 346 Toronto v. W. H. Lowe**

This Brother was convicted of a serious criminal offence at Toronto in April last and was sentenced to five years in Kingston penitentiary. He was subsequently placed on trial by his Lodge, found guilty, suspended and recommended for expulsion. The Committee recommend that he be summoned to appear before the Board of General Purposes and Grand Lodge at the next annual meeting to show cause why he should not be expelled, and that in the meantime his suspension be continued.

(8) **Corinthian Lodge No. 330 London v. E. A. McMullen.**

This Brother was convicted of a criminal offence and sentenced to a term in prison. He was subsequently placed on trial by his Lodge and found guilty, suspended and recommended for expulsion. The Committee recommend that the suspension be continued and that he be notified to appear before the Board of General Purposes and Grand Lodge at the next annual meeting to show cause why he should not be expelled.

(9) **King Solomon's Lodge No. 43 Woodstock v. R. A. Scott.**

This Brother was tried by his Lodge in April last on a charge of unmasonic conduct involving a violation of Section 19, Rule 1, and

was found guilty, suspended and recommended for expulsion. The Committee concur in the finding of the Lodge and recommend that he be summoned to appear before the Board of General Purposes and Grand Lodge at the next annual meeting to show cause why he should not be expelled, and that in the meantime his suspension be continued.

(10) **Bancroft Lodge No. 482 Bancroft v. Thornton Prosser.**

This Brother was charged with unmasonic conduct involving a violation of Section 19, Rule 1. He was tried by the Lodge, found guilty, suspended and recommended for expulsion, and has appealed against that finding. The Committee are of the opinion that there is sufficient evidence to warrant the finding of the Lodge, and they therefore recommend that the suspension be continued and that the Brother be summoned to appear before the Board of General Purposes and Grand Lodge at the next Annual Meeting to show cause why he should not be expelled.

(11) **Manito Lodge No. 90 Collingwood.**

This is an application to be relieved from payment of the usual \$20.00 to legalize the advancement of three candidates within the prescribed time. The reports show that three Brethren were advanced at a meeting of the Lodge on February 21st and were further advanced at a subsequent meeting on March 17. The secretary of the Lodge says that the violation was unintentional and gives as a reason for it that the Brethren, being mariners, were called out of town to their respective boats and were anxious to have their degrees conferred before going away. Grand Lodge has so repeatedly ruled that the provisions of Section 204 must be strictly complied with that the Committee have no alternative but to recommend that the application be disallowed.

(12) **Moirs Lodge No. 11 Belleville.**

This is also an application to be relieved from payment of the usual \$20.00 to legalize the advancement of five candidates within the prescribed time. The Lodge met on May 24th and conferred degrees on the several candidates. They were subsequently advanced on June 20th. The reason given for the violation of the constitution is that the date of the June meeting was changed from June 21st to June 20 on account of a Lodge of Instruction which was being held in the district on the former date. In view of the repeated rulings of Grand Lodge in this matter, the Committee can only recommend that the application be disallowed.

(13) **Nickel Lodge No. 427, Sudbury, v. Pembroke Lodge No. 128 Pembroke.**

This is an appeal by Pembroke Lodge from a ruling of the M.W. Grand Master finding them guilty of an invasion of the jurisdiction of Nickel Lodge through the initiation of one Christopher Alan Small and directing them to pay over the initiation fee together with the sum of \$10.00 for the usual dispensation. It appears that the applicant is a locomotive engineer, unmarried, running between Sudbury and Chapleau, and living in a boarding house at Chapleau

while his parents reside in Pembroke. It also appears that he was rejected by Nickel Lodge within 12 months prior to his application to Pembroke Lodge. Pembroke Lodge appear to have been misled in the matter, and they do not seriously contend that there was not an invasion of jurisdiction. It was, however, urged on their behalf that as Nickel Lodge had refused the applicant they should not receive any part of the initiation fee, which seems to be larger in Pembroke Lodge than it would have been in Nickel Lodge. The Committee are of the opinion that there was an invasion of jurisdiction and that a proper disposition of the matter is to direct Pembroke Lodge to pay to the Grand Secretary to be transmitted to Nickel Lodge an amount equivalent to the regular initiation fee in Nickel Lodge, together with the usual fee of \$10.00 for a dispensation to legalize the initiation.

(14) **Bro. J. J. Herb, Toronto.**

This Brother was charged with trafficking in what purported to be a printed copy of the Masonic ritual, tried by a Commission and found guilty with a recommendation for leniency. The M.W. the Grand Master directed that he be reprimanded. He has appealed to the Committee to be relieved from the penalty imposed, urging that he was made a Mason in a foreign jurisdiction, expressing regret for his offence and stating that it was due to a want of knowledge of the customs of the Craft in Ontario. The Committee feel that the penalty imposed is the mildest penalty that can be imposed for a Masonic offence, and therefore recommend that the application of Brother Herb be disallowed.

(15) **Rehoboam Lodge No. 65, Toronto.**

There has been handed to the Committee a letter from the Secretary of the above Lodge purporting to be an appeal from a demand by the Grand Secretary's office of payment of a fee for the registration of an honorary member. As payment of the fee is demanded from the Lodge and as no appeal has been filed by the Lodge itself, the Committee feel that they can take no action in the matter.

(16) **Rosetown Lodge, Sask., v. Aldworth Lodge, Paisley, Ontario.**

This is a question as to jurisdiction, and the facts are set out in the Proceedings of 1920 and 1921. In accordance with a Resolution adopted by Grand Lodge in 1921 the M.W. Grand Master appointed the writer to confer with M.W. Bro. Willoughby of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan for the purpose of adjusting the difficulty. The case is a rather unusual one, and we are not agreed on the question of jurisdiction. Assuming the facts to be as Aldworth Lodge understood them at the time, however, it cannot be said that their action was unreasonable, and after a full investigation of the circumstances we are satisfied that they acted in good faith, that it did not occur to them that there could be any question as to their right to entertain the application, and if there was an invasion of jurisdiction that it was due to a bona fide mistake on their part. The writer has so assured the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, and the Committee

recommend that his action in this connection be approved by Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN A. ROWLAND, Chairman.

It was moved by the Deputy Grand Master, seconded by R.W. Bro. John A. Rowland and Resolved: That the report of the Board of Grievances and Appeals be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON BENEVOLENCE

R.W. Bro. Thomas Rowe, Chairman of the Committee on Benevolence, presented the following report:

The Board of General Purposes through the Committee on Benevolence begs leave to report as follows:—

Since the last Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, the Chairman of the Committee on Benevolence, with the approval of the M.W., the Grand Master, and the President of the Board of General Purposes, has made interim grants to 53 applicants, amounting to \$4,750.00 from the General Fund and \$1,740.00 from the unexpended interest of the Semi-Centennial Fund.

665 applications were received and disposed of as follows:—

315 Granted through Local Boards, amount.....	\$ 50,520.00
343 Granted through Lodges, amount.....	53,920.00

7 Applications were declined.

Special Grants authorized by Grand Lodge:—

Miss Mary Wilson.....	\$500.00
Miss M. H. Harris.....	75.00
Miss Simpson.....	200.00
	\$ 775.00

Total amounts of grants from the General Fund.....	\$105,215.00
Total amounts of interim grants from General Fund	4,750.00
Additional grants from the interest of the Semi-Centennial Fund.....	1,700.00
Grants recommended from the interest of the Semi-Centennial Fund at this Annual Communication	3,400.00
Total.....	\$115,065.00

Less an approximate 10 per cent. through reduction by inspection and deaths.....	\$ 11,506.00
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Making a net total.....	\$103,459.00
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The grants made by Lodges during the year as shown by the reports of the D.D.G.M's. amount to about \$60,000.00.

Your Committee would recommend that a special grant of \$200.00 be made to Parthenon Lodge, No. 267, of Chatham, to assist them in defraying expenses of \$468.00 incurred through the sickness and death of their late Bro. John McDonald.

Your Committee desires to point out that there is an increase of \$15,514.00 and 77 additional applications granted, in comparison with last year. This is largely due to the increased membership and more generous treatment of the extreme cases as presented.

A careful scrutiny of this largely increased list of applications, and consideration of the conditions surrounding numerous cases, leads us to the conclusion that a note of warning should be sounded, and adequate steps taken by Grand Lodge to cause greater care in selection of petitioners for initiations or affiliation not only with respect to the financial position, but physical and mental conditions before admitting to membership, those who clearly may become a charge upon the benevolence of the constituent Lodges and Grand Lodge.

The omission of any reference in the application form to assistance received from Governmental sources, such as grants from the Workmen's Compensation Board and Mothers' Allowance Act, materially interferes with the work of the Committee in arriving at decisions commensurate to the needs.

It is strongly urged upon the Officers of Lodges that more complete details be provided to enable the Committee to decide fairly and adequately with these urgent cases.

Your Committee would recommend that a new form of application for Benevolence be prepared, and that the Committee on Benevolence be empowered to confer with the Grand Secretary in preparing same.

Your Committee regrets to report that 58 Lodges have neglected to comply with Section 4A of the rules respecting Benevolence, and are subject to the penalties imposed in Sections 2, and 160 of the Constitution; viz.—That no Lodge which has not complied with Section 4A shall be permitted to vote at any session thereof until such return shall have been completed.

The Lodges so disqualified have been reported to the Credential Committee.

Your Committee would recommend that the Subscription to the Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada be continued.

That the report of the Inspector of Benevolent Grants be printed as an appendix to this Report.

Fraternally submitted,

THOS. ROWE, Chairman.

It was moved by the Deputy Grand Master, seconded by R.W. Bro. Thos Rowe and Resolved: That the Report of the Board on Benevolence be received and adopted.

REPORT OF INSPECTOR

W. N. Ponton, Esq., K.C.,
Grand Master.

M.W. Sir:—

I herewith present my report as Inspector of Benevolent Grants for the year 1922.

There were 600 applications presented to the Committee, 449 from widows, 113 from brethren, 28 from orphans, 2 from mothers, 5 from wives and 3 from sisters.

One widow received a grant of \$20.00, 1 for \$30.00, 2 for \$40.00 each, 15 for \$50.00 each, 16 for \$60.00 each, 23 for \$80.00 each, 173 for \$100.00 each, 96 for \$150.00 each, 63 for \$200.00 each, 28 for \$250.00 each, 1 for \$300.00, 3 died and 27 were rejected. 2 brethren received \$50.00 each, 2 for \$60.00 each, 9 for \$100.00 each, 12 for \$150.00 each, 12 for \$200.00 each, 27 for \$250.00 each, 15 for \$300.00 each, 21 for \$400.00 each, 4 died, 8 were rejected, 1 was reduced from \$400.00 to \$200.00. 2 mothers received \$100.00 each, 1 wife received \$100.00, 1 for \$150.00, 1 for \$200.00 and 2 for \$250.00 each. 1 sister received \$60.00, 1 for \$80.00 and 1 for \$100.00. Grants were made from the Semi-Centennial fund as follows:—

Three widows received \$20.00 each, 1 received \$30.00, 13 received \$40.00 each and 28 received \$50.00 each, 1 brother received \$40.00, 7 received \$50.00 each, 5 received \$100.00 each and 1 received \$150.00. 1 mother \$50.00, 1 wife \$40.00, 1 sister \$40.00 and 2 orphans \$50.00 each.

The applicants include 126 who are over 70 years of age, 45 are between 70 and 75, 33 between 76 and 80, 33 between 80 and 85, 12 between 85 and 90 and 3 are over 90.

The number of applications for 1922 exceed those for 1921 by 77 and from present indications there will be even a greater excess in 1923.

\$100,000 has been disbursed to aid the widow, the stricken brother and the orphan. No words of mine can give any adequate idea of what this statement really means. Grants have been made to 563 beneficiaries, many of whom would have suffered for the want of the necessities of life, were it not for the relief extended. In other cases where the need was not so great, aid and comfort has been given, and thus much suffering and anxiety has been prevented. 422 widows, 5 wives worse than widowed, 2 mothers and three sisters have received grants. 26 orphans without either father or mother to guide them have been aided and assisted and 105 brethren all of whom are disabled by disease or old age have been made to feel that while they have been sorely afflicted with poverty and distress they have not been forgotten but their condition at times almost unbearable has been made easier and their heavy burden somewhat lightened by the remembrance of their Masonic brethren, 21 brethren received the maximum grant of \$400.00, these brethren are totally

disabled by either paralysis, rheumatism, spinal disease or blindness and in most of the cases the grant from Grand Lodge is all that stands between them and grim want.

In conclusion I desire to thank the brethren for the kindness and courtesy extended to me.

Yours fraternally,

J. B. NIXON,

Inspector of Benevolent Grants.

CALLED OFF

Grand Lodge was called from labor at 5.50 o'clock, p.m.

CALLED ON—SECOND DAY

Grand Lodge resumed labor on Thursday, July 19th, 1923, at ten o'clock, a.m., the Grand Master on the Throne.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

The Report of the Committee on Credentials was presented by R.W. Bro. J. B. Way, as follows:

To the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master, Wardens and Members of Grand Lodge.

Your Committee on Credentials beg to report as follows:—

There are on the register of the Grand Lodge 540 warranted lodges, of which number 12 have been granted their warrants at this communication.

Represented at this communication;	
By regular officers.....	364
By proxies.....	65
By Past Masters.....	57
Total number represented.....	486
Total number registered.....	2047
Having a total vote of.....	2595

The lodge Secretary in many cases neglects to report the full list of Past Masters, when sending in his returns, with a consequent delay and annoyance to the Credentials Committee in the work of registration. Your Committee would suggest that this feature be taken up vigorously with the offending lodges.

Fraternally submitted,

J. B. WAY, Chairman.

It was moved by the Deputy Grand Master, seconded by R. W. Bro. Way and Resolved: That the Report of the Committee on Credentials be received and adopted.

REPORT OF BOARD ON THE FRATERNAL DEAD

R.W. Bro. W. S. Herrington presented the Report of the Committee on the Fraternal Dead, as follows:

The Committee on Fraternal Dead through the Board of General Purposes beg to report as follows:—

Again for a few minutes we lay aside our business and pause in our deliberations to review the losses we have sustained through death since our last meeting. If we are what we profess to be, if we have taken to heart what are intended to be the most important lessons that our beautiful system seeks to inculcate, then no work performed at our annual convention should be entered into with more fervor and seriousness than that in which we are now engaged. The contemplation of death is not a new or unusual line of thought for a Freemason. The study of the subject is encouraged not with a view of creating a feeling of sadness or casting dark shadows over our pathway, but to prepare us for the closing hours of our existence. Most of us need to be hourly reminded that to-day is yesterday's tomorrow to which we looked forward with such hope and that with the rising of another sun to-day will be the yesterday of tomorrow to which like so many others we may look back with deep regret that it was not more wisely and profitably spent. How prone we are to let our to-morrows "creep in this petty pace from day to day" to find our allotted tasks still unperformed and ourselves unheeding the oft-repeated warning that "our yesterdays have lighted fools the way to dusty death."

Which one of us has yet attained the height of his ambition? Who has come as near to his ideal to-day as he yesterday had planned? It is this tendency upon our part to keep our goal a seemingly unattainable distance before us that gives to our ambitious projects a phantomlike existence. That we never overtake them is not I fear due so much to their shadowy nature as to our neglect to embrace "the means that heaven yields."

There are very few of us indeed who have not a reasonable conception of our duty; but there are so many distractions, so many counter-influences against the performance of it, so many alluring counterfeits of moral truths that to the founders of our Order there appeared the manifest necessity of devising some system of conveying to us the immortal lessons through the ordinary channels of our daily lives. Hence arose this beautiful system of morality which strives to impress upon us that there is something good in everything the great Architect of the Universe has given us, if we would but seek it out. Even what we are pleased to term our afflictions may by the alchemy of our Craft be transformed into blessings. Our erring natures may be "made tame by fortune's blows," our stub-

born hearts moved to gentleness and pity by feeling sorrow in our selves, and our lives enriched through contemplation of the merits of our departed friends.

Since our annual meeting no less than twenty-nine Past Grand Lodge Officers have been laid to rest. Their names will appear in the published proceedings of this year's meeting. I regret that I am able to make special mention of only a few of that number, knowing full well that many others are deserving of more than a passing reference.

R. W. Bro. Daniel D. Brodie

R.W. Bro. Daniel D. Brodie spent his last evening on earth with his Brethren in his Mother Lodge at Forest where he assisted in conferring the First Degree upon a candidate. He was a strong, robust man, and seemingly in the best of health and spirits, but when the family endeavored to rouse him the following morning they found that the silver cord had been loosed and his spirit had returned unto God who gave it. Had he known of his approaching end, death to him would have had no terrors, as he lead a most exemplary Christian life and was prepared for the summons. R.W. Bro. Brodie was a broad-minded, enterprising farmer not content with the mere tilling of the soil but was closely identified with all movements calculated to advance the interests of the community in which he lived. He was an enthusiastic Mason, and by his daily life he so exemplified the principles of the Craft that he won the respect and esteem of all who knew him.

R.W. Bro. Henry Clark

R. W. Bro. Henry Clark, for many years closely identified with Saugeen Lodge of Walkerton, passed away on the 20th day of February, A.D. 1923, just before rounding off a useful life of four score years. He came to this country from England in 1870, and after spending a few years in Galt took up his permanent residence in Walkerton, where many public and private buildings erected by him bear testimony to his efficiency as a builder. Whatever work he had to do he always did it well. This could be truthfully said of him in every sphere of life in which he moved—in the building trade, in municipal matters, in the church and in the Lodge. To him the work of the Lodge meant more than the observance of certain ritualistic forms. It was a means towards an end, and that end was closer fellowship with the brethren and the elevation of their moral standard. In 1902 he was elected District Deputy Grand Master of the District, and his strong personality and uprightness of character had a beneficial effect upon the Lodges under his jurisdiction. After the death of his wife seven years ago he went to reside in Galt, but upon his death his remains were brought to Walkerton where an impressive funeral service under the auspices of Saugeen Lodge was held in Knox Church, an imposing edifice which he had helped to build some fifty years ago.

R.W. Bro. William Cowan

Galt Lodge mourns the loss of one of its charter members, R.W. Bro. William Cowan, and his native city of Galt has lost one of

its most revered and distinguished citizens, who at the advanced age of 82 years passed to his rest on the 3rd of December. For nearly fifty years he was closely identified with his Mother Lodge, and many a member has in his dark hours of trouble been cheered on his way by the kindly advice and timely assistance of Bro. Cowan. His influence for good was not restricted to the Masonic circle, but in business, in the church and municipal matters he was ever willing and ready to bear more than his share of the burden. His willingness to serve in every good cause and his exceptional buoyancy of spirit coupled with a sound judgment made him an ideal citizen. It could be said of him that he was

"A man that fortune's buffets and rewards
Hast ta'en with equal thanks."

R.W. Bro. John Davidson

One has but to turn up our last annual report to gain some insight into the character of R.W. Bro. John Davidson who was elected District Deputy Grand Master of Erie District in 1921. From the hour of his election to that office until relieved of the duties by his successor he lost no opportunity of exercising his authority for the welfare of the Craft, and especially of those Lodges under his jurisdiction. He accepted the position not for the honor it brought to him, although he was not insensible of that, but because he was never happier than when contributing towards the well-being and happiness of others. He felt the responsibility attached to the office and his report bears ample testimony to the intelligent and praise worthy manner in which he discharged his duties.

He was a charter member of Tecumseh Lodge forty-two years ago, and later upon his removal to Chatham affiliated with Wellington Lodge. He passed through the principal offices of both Lodges.

His aesthetic nature took a practical turn in his extensive and successful cultivation of flowers. The development of the beautiful blossoms under his fostering care was to him a communion with nature and enabled him to "look through Nature up to Nature's God." That others might share the enjoyment of these gifts of the Great Architect of the Universe he originated and led the way in carrying out a well-devised plan for a system of parks and attractive flower beds in the town of Chatham. He died on June 2nd, 1923, respected and mourned by the entire community.

R.W. Bro. Joseph Edgar

Muskoka District has lost one of its most esteemed citizens and prominent Masons in the person of R.W. Bro. Joseph Edgar, of Sundridge, whose death occurred most unexpectedly on the 11th day of September last. His uprightness of character, pure life and practical benevolence had so endeared him to his fellow citizens that there was no position of honor or trust at their command that they would not gladly have bestowed upon him. He represented Parry Sound District for one term in the Ontario Legislature, but the glamor of public life possessed but little attraction for him. As a matter of duty he served the community in other public offices, yet

he was more contented in the quiet enjoyment of his own home which together with his Church, Sunday School and Lodge afforded ample opportunities for the exercise of those Masonic virtues of which he was a praiseworthy exponent.

R.W. Bro. Isaac Hetherington

At the outbreak of the Great War there resided in the township of Colborne, in Huron County, a young farmer happy and contented in his quiet home with his wife and young family. Thoughts of war had never disturbed that peaceful household, but the call to duty struck a responsive chord in his breast and thrusting aside all excuses which might have been urged on his behalf, he enlisted for service, and with all the energy he could command, assisted in recruiting the 161st Battalion, which went overseas in the autumn of 1916. Upon reaching England the young Colborne farmer was transferred to the 27th Winnipeg Battalion as Major Isaac Hetherington. He possessed a magnificent physique and commanding appearance and soon endeared himself to the men under his command. He endured the hardships of trench life with commendable fortitude and passed through that series of bloody battles that brought lustre to the Canadian arms, and at Arras was awarded the Military Cross for his conspicuous bravery, and shortly afterwards was wounded and severely gassed in the last great drive against the Hindenburg Line. Returning home in the spring of 1919 he resumed his work upon the farm and engaged in other activities to satisfy the natural restlessness resulting from the change of occupation. He found some relief in the work of Masonry and became so interested in it that in 1921 his Brethren of the 4th Masonic District elected him District Deputy Grand Master. He satisfactorily performed his duties and attended the last Communication of Grand Lodge at Port Arthur and Fort William. Like many another hero he had ever since his return from the war been silently suffering from the effects of that deadly weapon of the insidious enemy. The poisonous gas had undermined his rugged constitution, and a year ago while in attendance at Grand Lodge he showed unmistakable traces of its fatal tendencies. He underwent treatment at Byron Sanitarium but it was unavailing and he died on the 31st of March last, and was buried with full Masonic and military honors. Although he died several years after the Armistice was signed yet he is justly ranked among the national heroes whose "name liveth for evermore."

R.W. Bro. George S. May

On the 29th of December last there was stricken down in the apparent fullness of a strong and vigorous manhood with many years of usefulness before him, R.W. Bro. George S. May. The summons came quietly but most unexpectedly when he was engaged with a number of friends in his favorite pastime, a curling match. In him our Grand Lodge lost one of its most faithful workers, who as Chairman of the Committee on Audit and Finance, brought to bear upon the important duties of that office the ripened experience of a successful business man. His annual reports showed that he thoroughly mastered every detail of the problems arising out of the management of the finances of Grand Lodge, and that they are in so

satisfactory a condition is in no slight degree due to his sound advice and careful oversight.

But apart from the advantage derived from his devotion to the work assigned to him Bro. May was a source of strength to Grand Lodge. He was a man of an amiable disposition and pleasing manner who always looked upon the bright side of life, and his cheering presence was an inspiration to emulate his example.

He was the head of the firm of George May & Sons, of Ottawa, and was upon the directorate of a number of well-known corporations. With all the claims that his private business interests had upon his time he was not neglectful of his duties as a citizen, but on the contrary gave freely of his means, time and talents to the advancement of education and the public welfare, and among the important positions held by him he had occupied the office of Chairman of the Public School Board of Ottawa, President of the Federated Board of Trade of Canada, and was also for one term a member of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario.

He was initiated in Dalhousie Lodge of Ottawa in 1888, and in Masonry he found such full scope for his attractive qualities of mind and heart that his advancement was very rapid and his zeal for the Craft has been marked by an unswerving devotion to its principles and a desire to elevate the standard of its members. Now that he is at rest from his labors we can all join fervently in the wish,

"May it be in holy peace."

R.W. Bro. Richard Mills

On the 15th of February, 1923, Muskoka Lodge of Bracebridge lost one of its pioneer members through the death of R.W. Bro. Richard Mills. He had almost reached his four-score years and was for over fifty years a resident of the town of Bracebridge. As a public servant he strove to merit the good will and respect of all with whom he was brought in contact, and in his private life he rarely failed to be guided by the golden rule, so that upon his death all who knew him well felt that they had lost a tried and trusted friend.

R.W. Bro. William Rea

With four-score years and four to his credit, R.W. Bro. Wm. Rea, of Ottawa, on the 12th of November, 1922, brought to a peaceful end an honorable and useful career. His was a kind and lovable disposition made sweeter and more mellow with his ripening years. Forty years ago he was D.D.G.M. of the Ottawa District, and has ever since kept in close touch with the progress of the Craft. As recently as the 19th of March, 1921, at a Past Masters' Night of the "Lodge of Fidelity", Ottawa, at an age when most men would consider it an achievement even to be present, he presided at the meeting and conferred the First Degree in a manner that called forth many compliments from those who witnessed the ceremony. This performance alone by a highly esteemed man in his 83rd year is no less a tribute to the Craft than to the chief actor in the ceremony. To him there was something rich and satisfying in the Ritual, and

deep down in his heart there was an abiding faith in the efficacy of its teachings.

R.W. Bro. W. G. Reid

Fifty-two years a Mason and forty-two years a Right Worshipful Brother is a distinction that very few of us can hope to attain. Such was the record of Rt. Wor. Bro. W. G. Reid, who was initiated in St. John's Lodge, No. 40, of Hamilton, in November, 1870, and was elected District Deputy Grand Master in 1881. During these fifty-two years he kept in close touch with the Craft, and for forty years of this period, while engaged as a commercial traveller, he was deeply appreciative of the advantages he derived from his social intercourse with his Brother Masons. His fellow travellers regarded his companionship as a pleasing antidote for the ennui following a busy and tiresome day. His genial disposition secured for him many fast and devoted friends. He died on the 20th of February, 1923.

R.W. Bro. Thomas C. Rundle

The emblems of Masonry appealed to R.W. Bro. Thomas C. Rundle with a peculiar significance as he was an operative mason by trade, and as an expert master mason has applied the skirrett and plumb rule to nearly all the buildings of any consequence that has been erected in the city of Guelph during the last half century, and at the time of his death was supervising the erection of a Collegiate Vocational Institute. During forty-six years of this period he has been an active member of Speed Lodge, No. 180, and was honored by his Brethren of Wellington District by being elected D.D.G.M in 1917.

He possessed the happy faculty not only of making friends but of retaining them as such with the result that young and old of his adopted city always greeted him with a kind word and pleasant smile, and received from him a similar salutation in return. After a short illness he died on February 5th of this present year.

R.W. Bro. W. G. Stevenson

Modest and unassuming was R.W. Bro. W. G. Stevenson, of Speed Lodge, No. 180, but when he had a task to perform he applied himself with all the energy at his command. In his Mother Lodge his single purpose was to elevate the standard of Masonry both within and without the Lodge room by leading an exemplary life himself and by encouraging all Brethren who were striving to do the same. He served as D.D.G.M. of Wellington District in 1905, and his work throughout the District was marked by that same intense desire to impress upon his Brethren that Masonry is a great moral institution and unless they are using their connection with the Craft to better their own condition from a moral point of view they have mistaken the purpose for which they were admitted within the portals of the Lodge. He was called to rest on November 20th, 1922.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

W. S. HERRINGTON,
Chairman.

It was moved by the Deputy Grand Master, seconded by R.W. Bro. W. S. Herrington and Resolved: That the Report of the Board on the Fraternal Dead be received and adopted.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON MASONIC HOMES

The Report of the Special Committee appointed at the last annual Communication to investigate the question of Masonic Homes, Hospitals and Schools was presented by the chairman of the Committee, R.W. Bro. R. B. Dargavel, as follows:

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers, and Members of Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:—

Your Committee appointed at the last Annual Communication of Grand Lodge to report on the necessity of a Masonic Home, Hospital and School, the probable cost of construction and the annual maintenance charges, beg leave to report as follows:—

The Committee decided that the first requisite was to ascertain if there existed a need for such Institutions, by ascertaining the number of Aged and Indigent Masons, or Dependents, and the Orphan Children, their present condition, environment, and if they could be more efficiently and acceptably provided for in a Masonic Home, Hospital and School.

To secure this information we appealed for the assistance and co-operation of the constituent Lodges and two forms of questionnaires, one for the Aged and Indigent Masons, and the other for the Orphan Children, were sent to every warranted Lodge.

It is most unfortunate however, that many Lodges did not give prompt consideration to our request. The District Deputy Grand Masters have given the Committee their earnest support, but although frequent and urgent appeals have been made, a number of Lodges were very dilatory in making their returns, and we are still waiting replies from about one hundred Lodges, representing about 20% of our membership.

The questionnaires as received, have been summarized as follows, but the answers have not yet been verified, and are therefore incomplete.

Number of Lodges.....	527
Not reported.....	105
Children stated to be in need of assistance.....	229
Suitable environment.....	220
Not suitable.....	9
Willing to go to a School.....	38

Dependents stated to be in need of assistance.....	291
Suitable environment.....	245
Not suitable.....	46
Willing to go to a Home.....	20
Willing to go to a Hospital.....	32

Owing, however, to the above information being so delayed and still incomplete, the Committee has not had the opportunity of investigating the financial and other important considerations which would enable them to make a definite and final report at this communication of Grand Lodge.

Your Committee therefore recommend that it be continued for another year with M.W. Bro. Ponton as a member.

We would also recommend that in addition to reporting on the Home, Hospital and School, the Committee be empowered to make suggestions as to the extension of our present system of Benevolence after consultation with the Chairman of the Committee on Benevolence.

Fraternally submitted,

R. B. DARGAVEL,
Chairman.

It was moved by the Deputy Grand Master, seconded by R. W. Bro. Dargavel and Resolved: That the Report of the Special Committee be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

The Report of the Committee on the Grand Master's Address was presented by M.W. Bro. W. R. White, as follows:

To the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master, Officers and Members of A. F. & A. M., of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

The Special Committee appointed to consider the Grand Master's address begs leave to report as follows:—

The address submitted is so full and able a presentation of the Grand Master's strenuous and faithful work during the year that the Committee has been unable to digest and assimilate fully the many valuable suggestions made in the address. It is an able address and worthy of the Grand Master who delivered it.

The Committee finds nothing in the address to criticize or condemn and recommends its adoption by Grand Lodge.

With reference to the recommendation that proper recognition should be made of M.W. Bro. Malone's long and faithful services

as Grand Treasurer and other valuable services rendered by him and son, W. Bro. Gerald M. Malone to Grand Lodge the committee reports that although the Committee was prepared to concur in the recommendation both of these brethren appeared before the Committee and asked that no action be taken regarding any testimonial such as was suggested by the Grand Master as they did not desire any reward for their services.

The Committee therefore recommends that no action be taken.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

W. R. WHITE, Chairman.
JAS. H. BURRITT, P.G.M.
W. H. WARDROPE, P.G.M.
F. W. HARCOURT, P.G.M.

It was moved by the Deputy Grand Master, seconded by M.W. Bro. White and Resolved: That the Report of the Committee on the Grand Master's Address be received and adopted.

The M. W. the Grand Master then requested M. W. Bro. W. H. Wardrope to assume the Throne, in order that he might present the following resolution which was seconded by the M. W. Bro. J. H. Burritt and unanimously adopted, amid loud applause:

That the members of this Grand Lodge record their heartfelt and grateful appreciation of the faithful, fruitful and efficient services of our veteran and esteemed Grand Treasurer, M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone; and on this his twenty-first official birthday they unite in wishing him and all those dear to him many years of happiness, felicity and service.

The Grand Master then resumed his place upon the Throne.

MOTION WITHDRAWN

At the request of V.W. Bro. W. F. Montague, acting for R. W. Bro. A. M. Cunningham, permission was given to withdraw the notice of motion respecting a proposed new method of electing the District Deputy Grand Masters.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

The following brethren, having been duly nominated by the Past Masters and representatives of lodges in

their respective districts were duly confirmed in office by the M. W. Grand Master.

R. W. Bro.	H. S. Galloway.....	Kenora
"	Chas. S. Graham.....	Hagersville
"	Geo. Sirrs.....	Cargill
"	Angus Graham	Thamesville
"	C. F. Whittaker.....	Williamsburg
"	J. G. Fennell.....	Napanee
"	W. N. Duff.....	Barrie
"	W. G. Blackwell.....	Dundalk
"	J. M. McKenzie.....	Milton
"	Erland Lee.....	Stoney Creek
"	T. H. Martin.....	Denfield
"	A. W. Freeland.....	Emsdale
"	A. B. Damude.....	Fonthill
"	W. A. Simpson.....	Sault Ste. Marie
"	Samuel Wilton.....	Brussels
"	T. S. Church.....	Arnprior
"	E. J. Wormington.....	Cobourg
"	F. C. Bonnycastle.....	Campbellford
"	T. E. Laycock	Marmora
"	A. D. Armstrong.....	Brigden
"	John Stevenson.....	Stratford
"	F. Bellamy.....	Brockville
"	T. L. Cochrane.....	St. Thomas
"	J. Paterson.....	Englehart
"	F. G. I. Whetter.....	Toronto
"	R. J. Shier.....	Sunderland
"	A. L. Tinker.....	Toronto
"	C. G. Anderson.....	Toronto
"	Wm. Jobe.....	Kirkfield
"	M. Schiedel.....	Kitchener
"	E. W. Moles.....	Norwich
"	A. H. Dalziel.....	Windsor

The newly appointed District Deputy Grand Masters were then formally installed and invested by M.W. Bro. E. T. Malone.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Scrutineers of the ballot were sworn in by the M.W. the Grand Master and the election of officers for the ensuing year was proceeded with.

R. W. Bro. G. R. Lloyd, Chairman of the Committee of Scrutineers, presented the following Report of the names of the brethren elected to the various offices and to the Board of General Purposes and also of the place selected for the next annual communication of Grand Lodge.

Grand Master, M.W. Bro. William John Drope, Grimsby.
Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. John A. Rowland, Toronto.
Grand Senior Warden, R.W. Bro. H. G. French, Toronto.
Grand Junior Warden, R.W. Bro. W. F. Montague, Hamilton.
Grand Chaplain, R.W. Bro. Rev. R. C. Blgrave, Peterborough.
Grand Treasurer, M.W. Bro. E. T. Malone, Toronto.
Grand Secretary, R.W. Bro. W. M. Logan, Hamilton.
Grand Registrar, R.W. Bro. Edwin Smith, London.

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

R.W. Bro. George Moore, Hamilton.
R.W. Bro. Alex. Cowan, Barrie.
R.W. Bro. R. F. Richardson, Strathroy.
R.W. Bro. Thomas Shanks, Ottawa.
R.W. Bro. A. J. Anderson, Toronto.

NEXT PLACE OF MEETING

The City of Toronto was chosen as the next place of meeting.

OFFICERS INSTALLED AND INVESTED

M.W. Bro. E. T. Malone installed and invested the Officers Elect, who were proclaimed and saluted with the customary Grand Honors.

APPOINTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

The M. W. the Grand Master was pleased to appoint the following as members of the Board of General Purposes for the term of two years:

R.W. Bro. J. H. Putman, Ottawa.
R.W. Bro. J. F. Reid, Windsor.
R.W. Bro. E. W. E. Saunders, Toronto.
R.W. Bro. G. H. Smith, Toronto.
R.W. Bro. J. B. Way, Sault Ste. Marie.

and for the term of one year:

R.W. Bro. R. B. Dargavel, Toronto.

APPOINTED OFFICERS

The M. W. the Grand Master was pleased to appoint the following brethren as Officers of the Grand Lodge:

Grand Senior Deacon, V.W. Bro. T. R. Logan, Brantford.

Grand Junior Deacon, V.W. Bro. J. G. M. Wilson, Peterborough.

Grand Superintendent of Works, V.W. Bro. D. H. Burritt, Toronto.

Grand Director of Ceremonies, V.W. Bro. W. F. Randall, Grimsby.

Assistant Grand Secretary, V.W. Bro. F. G. Wait, Ottawa.

Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies, V.W. Bro. J. A. Burry, Toronto.

Grand Sword Bearer, V.W. Bro. R. L. Dunn, St. Catharines.

Grand Organist, V.W. Bro. D. Hawkins, Hamilton.

Assistant Grand Organist, V.W. Bro. A. C. Nobbs, London.

Grand Pursuivant, V. W. Bro. E. Y. Barraclough, Glen Williams.

GRAND STEWARDS

V.W. Bro. J. E. Bailey, Sundridge

V.W. Bro. A. Bechtel, Waterloo.

V.W. Bro. E. C. Bell, Beeton.

V.W. Bro. R. L. Bell, Port Arthur.

V.W. Bro. J. Billinghamurst, Toronto.

V.W. Bro. M. S. Blackburn, Dresden.

V.W. Bro. Samuel Brown, Toronto.

V.W. Bro. Levi Clark, Peterborough.

V.W. Bro. G. S. Code, Iroquois Falls.

V.W. Bro. J. L. Davidson, Toronto.

V.W. Bro. F. F. Dickerson, Woodstock.

V.W. Bro. Jos. Dixon, Galt.

V.W. Bro. R. B. Gilbert, Gananoque.

V.W. Bro. J. E. Glen, Ameliasburg.

V.W. Bro. S. H. Guest, Kemptville.

V.W. Bro. A. J. Hodgson, Iroquois Falls.

V.W. Bro. O. Jacklin, Watford.

V.W. Bro. Byron King, Barrie.

V.W. Bro. H. W. Ladd, Palmerston.

V.W. Bro. F. N. Leavens, Bolton.

V.W. Bro. H. W. Linney, Bracebridge.

V.W. Bro. J. McCarthy, Belleville.

V.W. Bro. D. MacBride, Hepworth.

V.W. Bro. P. Morgan, Lindsay.

V.W. Bro. John Munro, Ottawa.

V.W. Bro. B. F. Nott, North Bay.

V.W. Bro. C. H. Reasbeck, Vankleek Hill.

V.W. Bro. T. H. Reburn, Markdale.

V.W. Bro. E. Snudden, Brooklin.

V.W. Bro. J. C. Springstead, Hamilton.

V.W. Bro. Jas. A. Wickens, Windsor.

GRAND STANDARD BEARERS

V.W. Bro. James Gill, Hamilton.

V.W. Bro. E. Denroche, Stratford.

GRAND TYLER

V.W. Bro. Hiram J. Pritchard, Toronto.

TESTIMONIAL TO RETIRING GRAND MASTER

It was moved by M. W. Bro. W. H. Wardrope, seconded by M. W. Bro. J. H. Burritt and Resolved That a Committee be appointed to secure a fitting testimonial to the retiring Grand Master, M. W. Bro. W. N. Ponton.

The M. W. the Grand Master named on this Committee: M. W. Bros. Sir John Gibson, E. T. Malone, F. W. Harcourt and R. W. Bro W. M. Logan.

VOTES OF THANKS

It was moved by M. W. Bro. J. H. Burritt, seconded by R. W. Bro. W. F. Montague and Resolved: That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to the Mayor of Toronto, and also to his Chief of Police and Chief of Fire Department, for the continuous attention and service given to the pleasure, safety and comfort of the officers and members of Grand Lodge.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. Ponton, seconded by R. W. Bro. Rowland and Resolved: That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be extended to the members of the Credentials and Scrutineers Committees for their arduous and faithful work.

GRAND LODGE CLOSED

The Grand Chaplain having invoked the blessing of the G. A. O. T. U. upon the members of this Grand Lodge during the coming recess, Grand Lodge was closed in Ample Form at 2.30 o'clock, p.m., after the singing of the National Anthem.



W. M. Logan

Grand Secretary

RETURNS OF LODGES AS

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No. of Lodge	Lodge	Where held	W. Master	Secretary
2	aNiagara.....	Niagara.....	H. Quinn.....	A. J. Wood.....
3	aAnct. St. John's.....	Kingston.....	H. H. Lawson.....	A. W. Cathcart.....
5	aSussex.....	Brockville.....	F. H. Kay.....	Thos. H. Guest.....
6	Barton.....	Hamilton.....	F. W. Hubbard.....	W. H. F. Whately.....
7	Union.....	Crimsby.....	Jas. A. Wray.....	S. B. Bradley.....
9	aUnion.....	Napance.....	Geo. J. Tustin.....	J. G. Fennell.....
10	aNorfolk.....	Simcoe.....	S. L. Kromport.....	L. F. Aiken.....
11	aMoir.....	Belleville.....	A. J. Boyes.....	Geo. Dulmage.....
14	aTrue Britons.....	Perth.....	R. H. Gamble.....	F. V. Buffam.....
15	St. George's.....	St. Catharines.....	C. F. Monk.....	A. N. Lindsay.....
16	aSt. Andrew's.....	Toronto.....	G. C. Kirby.....	J. D. Keachie.....
17	St. John's.....	Cobourg.....	J. W. Spazge.....	M. A. Hewson.....
18	aPrince Edward.....	Pictou.....	H. D. Leavens.....	R. H. Hubbs.....
20	aSt. John's.....	London.....	R. W. Johnson.....	Rich. Booth.....
21a	aSt. John's.....	Vankleek Hill.....	F. W. McAdam.....	Wm. R. Hall.....
22	aKing Solomon's.....	Toronto.....	Wm. Anderson.....	Chas. T. Heare.....
23	Richmond.....	Richmond Hill.....	H. H. Lang.....	A. L. Phipps.....
24	aSt. Francis.....	Smith's Falls.....	R. M. Ferguson.....	G. W. Fluker.....
25	aIonic.....	Toronto.....	A. D. Arnour.....	H. E. Ridout.....
26	aOntario.....	Port Hope.....	H. W. Mitchell.....	F. H. Batt.....
27	aStrict Observance.....	Hamilton.....	J. C. Callaghan.....	H. W. Linton.....
28	aMount Zion.....	Kemptville.....	N. M. Saunders.....	S. H. Guest.....
29	aUnited.....	Brighton.....	F. M. Dure.....	B. C. H. Becker.....
30	aComposite.....	Whitby.....	G. M. Goodfellow.....	J. W. Bateman.....
31	aJerusalem.....	Bowmanville.....	T. H. Spry.....	T. Annonson.....
32	aAmity.....	Dunnville.....	R. F. Richards.....	John Clark.....
33	aMaitland.....	Goderich.....	H. B. M. Tichborne.....	J. B. McKay.....
34	aThistle.....	Amherstburg.....	L. J. Pettypiece.....	Wm. H. Eccles.....
35	St. John's.....	Cayuga.....	R. H. Davey.....	H. J. Hoshal.....
37	aKing Hiram.....	Ingersoll.....	C. C. Cornish.....	R. T. Agar.....
38	aTrent.....	Trenton.....	Rev. H. A. Frost.....	W. J. Potts.....
39	aMount Zion.....	Brooklin.....	E. E. Patterson.....	H. W. McBrien.....
40	aSt. John's.....	Hamilton.....	R. J. A. Curry.....	B. L. Simpson.....
41	aSt. George's.....	Kingsville.....	Samuel Currie.....	Wm. G. Long.....
42	aSt. George's.....	London.....	Thos. Shaw.....	Jos. Vivian.....
43	aKing Solomon's.....	Woodstock.....	J. W. Bryan.....	A. W. Massie.....
44	aSt. Thomas.....	St. Thomas.....	T. H. Whalls.....	F. W. Judd.....
45	aBrant.....	Brantford.....	John Lewis.....	Geo. Whitwill.....
46	aWellington.....	Chatham.....	W. R. Peck.....	John A. McGregor.....
47	aGreat Western.....	Windsor.....	W. G. Wells.....	John Fry.....
48	aMadoc.....	Madoc.....	S. Eagleson.....	Alex. S. Cochran.....
50	aConsecon.....	Consecon.....	J. H. Johnston.....	W. W. Ward.....
52	aDalhousie.....	Ottawa.....	P. A. Holmes.....	H. W. Jackson.....
54	aVaughan.....	Maple.....	J. W. Constable.....	J. T. Pollock.....
55	aMerrickville.....	Merrickville.....	M. D. Pelton.....	J. E. Angus.....
56	aVictoria.....	Sarnia.....	H. C. Cares.....	H. W. Unsworth.....
57	aHarmony.....	Binbrook.....	David Young.....	Jas. D. Rose.....
58	aDoric.....	Ottawa.....	W. A. Armstrong.....	J. A. Ross.....
61	aAcacia.....	Hamilton.....	J. L. Stewart.....	C. E. Kelly.....
62	aSt. Andrew's.....	Caledonia.....	H. K. Marshall.....	T. J. Hicks.....
63	aSt. John's.....	Carleton Place.....	W. M. Pattie.....	D. H. McIntosh.....
64	aKilwinning.....	London.....	Geo. E. Perry.....	Whit. Lancaster.....
65	aRehoboam.....	Toronto.....	Wm. G. Ash.....	Geo. H. Mitchell.....
66	aDurham.....	Newcastle.....	J. S. Montgomery.....	Frank Rickard.....
68	aSt. John's.....	Ingersoll.....	J. W. Mouger.....	P. L. Smith.....
69	aStirling.....	Stirling.....	J. N. West.....	C. F. Linn.....
72	aAlma.....	Galt.....	B. B. James.....	A. J. Oliver.....
73	aSt. James.....	St. Mary's.....	F. J. Howald.....	N. L. Brandon.....
74	aSt. James.....	S. Augusta.....	B. E. Edwards.....	F. L. Bissell.....

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No. of Lodge	Night of Meeting	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Joined	Resigned	Dead	Suspend. N.P.D.	Suspend. U.M.C.	Expelled	Restored	Total Members
2	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	7	10	9	1	2					1	162
3	1st Thursday.....	16	20	18	2	4	2	3				392
5	3rd Monday.....	26	26	22	5	8	6	5			3	383
6	2nd Wednesday.....	17	16	16	7	4	8					548
7	Thurs. on or bef. F.M. ..	13	12	11	4		5				2	237
9	Frid. on or bef. F.M.	16	10	12	4	1	3	4			1	248
10	Tue. on or bef. F.M.	10	6	6	5	2	2	1			2	177
11	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	22	28	29			3	6			5	413
14	1st Monday.....	4	5	7	2	5	3					170
15	2nd Tuesday.....	16	15	22	5	3	8	3			3	280
16	2nd Tuesday.....	42	32	35	14	2	11	12				688
17	2nd Tuesday.....	11	9	19	2	3	4					270
18	Thurs. on or bef. F.M.	9	8	3	6	1	3	4			1	272
20	2nd Tuesday.....	20	21	23	1	1	4	6				488
21	aTues. on or bef. F.M. ..	6	5	6			3				2	106
22	2nd Thursday.....	17	19	21	2	4	10	8			2	490
23	3rd Wednesday.....	3	3	3	1		2					112
24	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	11	10	10	3	3	2	1				215
25	1st Wednesday.....	15	10	15	5	3	8	1				362
26	3rd Friday.....	4	5	4		1	4					191
27	3rd Friday.....	11	15	19	3	6	2	14			2	513
28	Friday bef. F.M.	5	6	4	2	4		3				102
29	Tues. on or bef. F.M.	7	3	3	3	1	2	7			1	196
30	1st Friday.....	6	4	3	1	2	2					141
31	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	8	10	15	4		1				2	211
32	Wed. on or after F.M.	11	8	5	3	4	4	8			1	203
33	2nd Tuesday.....	7	7	10	2	6	2					231
34	Tues. on or bef. F.M.	5	5	10	3	3	3	6			4	175
35	Thurs. on or after F.M.	2	5	10		2						109
37	1st Friday.....	8	10	10	3	1	4					192
38	2nd Tuesday.....	22	15	17	4		2	4				251
39	Tues. on or bef. F.M.	2	2	1	2	1						89
40	3rd Thursday.....	33	34	31	3	4	8	7			4	675
41	Thurs. on or bef. F.M. ..	3	5	5	4						1	235
42	1st Thursday.....	20	23	17	5	1	1	15			2	353
43	1st Tuesday.....	11	16	23	1	3	1	12			1	397
44	1st Thursday.....	21	26	23	1	3	9	4			1	498
45	2nd Tuesday.....	14	15	12	3	4	4	2				450
46	1st Monday.....	12	16	19	4	8	2					361
47	1st Thursday.....	38	37	47	5	12	9					1058
48	Tues. on or bef. F.M.	6	3	1	2	2	1					159
50	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	3	3	2		1	3					89
52	1st Tuesday.....	18	19	22	2	10	4	5			2	530
54	Tues. on or bef. F.M.	2	2	2								76
55	Tues. on or bef. F.M.	10	9	12		2	2				2	121
56	1st Tuesday.....	20	21	21	2	2	2					367
57	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	10	12	10	2	2	1	3				153
58	1st Friday.....	20	18	21	5	4	4	3				388
61	2nd Friday.....	32	23	21	13	5	8	7			1	798
62	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	6	6	7			1				1	124
63	2nd Friday.....	8	8	9	1	5	3				1	238
64	3rd Friday.....	34	33	37	5	1	5	6			2	409
65	1st Thursday.....	29	27	38	4	6	4	5			1	621
66	Tues. on or bef. F.M.	4	5	5		3	1					69
68	3rd Friday.....	7	8	7	3	3	3	2			1	175
69	Thurs. on or aft. F.M. ..	3	5	6		3	2	8			1	139
72	Last Tuesday.....	9	8	8		1	2					247
73	1st Monday.....	8	7	7	1	4	1	1				155
74	Mon. nearest F.M.	5	4	3			3	4				76

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75	St. John's.....	Toronto.....	Albert Slute.....	O. T. Randall.....
76	aOxford.....	Woodstock.....	Weston Krupp.....	J. W. Dutton.....
77	aFaithful Brethren.....	Lindsay.....	W. H. Cresswell.....	C. L. Davidson.....
78	aKing Hiram.....	Tillsonburg.....	R. E. Wilton.....	H. McQueen.....
79	aSimcoe.....	Bradford.....	D. S. Gray.....	F. Kilkenny.....
81	aSt. John's.....	Mount Brydges.....	Thos. Green.....	S. W. Hyatt.....
82	St. John's.....	Paris.....	G. C. Smith.....	C. E. Failor.....
83	aBeaver.....	Strathroy.....	R. Latimer.....	R. F. Richardson.....
84	Clinton.....	Clinton.....	S. E. Rozell.....	H. B. Chant.....
85	aRising Sun.....	Athens.....	V. O. Boyle.....	A. W. Parish.....
86	aWilson.....	Toronto.....	A. H. Toppin.....	W. L. Lawer.....
87	Markham Union.....	Markham.....	L. A. Kennedy.....	J. S. Bell.....
88	St. George's.....	Owen Sound.....	H. F. Campbell.....	John M. Campbell.....
90	aManito.....	Collingwood.....	Dalton McHughes.....	W. T. Herrington.....
91	aColborne.....	Colborne.....	Edward Brannigan.....	John T. Gordon.....
92	aCataragui.....	Kingston.....	F. K. Ludlow.....	H. A. Graham.....
93	aNorthern Light.....	Kincardine.....	H. R. Magwood.....	M. J. McPherson.....
94	aSt. Mark's.....	Port Stanley.....	A. J. Nichols.....	F. N. Fraser.....
96	aCorinthian.....	Barrie.....	Wm. F. Ronald.....	A. H. Felt.....
97	aSharon.....	Queensville.....	S. W. Greig.....	J. B. Aylward.....
98	True Blue.....	Bolton.....	R. H. Turner.....	Geo. Lockwood.....
99	Tuscan.....	Newmarket.....	W. J. Patterson.....	A. Winn.....
100	Valley.....	Dundas.....	R. W. McFarlane.....	F. A. Latshaw.....
101	aCorinthian.....	Peterborough.....	F. L. Roy.....	R. F. Downey.....
103	aMaple Leaf.....	St. Catharines.....	D. T. Crawford.....	H. J. Johnston.....
104	St. John's.....	Norwich.....	M. W. Rice.....	E. W. Moles.....
105	aSt. Mark's.....	Niagara Falls.....	W. C. Pretty.....	H. F. Garner.....
106	aBurford.....	Burford.....	Jas. Farrell.....	Geo. Armstrong.....
107	St. Paul's.....	Lambeth.....	Wm. Hunt.....	H. Poole.....
108	Blenheim.....	Princeton.....	Jos. Harmer.....	T. J. Rawlinson.....
109	aAlbion.....	Harrowsmith.....	E. Huffman.....	Roy E. Deline.....
110	aCentral.....	Prescott.....	A. I. Lane.....	C. H. Ranson.....
113	aWilson.....	Waterford.....	H. R. Barber.....	D. A. Hill.....
114	aHope.....	Port Hope.....	Geo. Kernan.....	Thos. H. Bell.....
115	aIvy.....	Beamsville.....	P. Robertson.....	W. D. Fairbrother.....
116	aCassia.....	Thedford.....	Wm. McInnes.....	M. E. Harrington.....
118	Union.....	Schomberg.....	F. G. Skinner.....	Francis Attridge.....
119	aMaple Leaf.....	Bath.....	M. Thompson.....	F. G. Young.....
120	Warren.....	Fingal.....	Rev. Jas. Anthony.....	D. J. Scott.....
121	aDoric.....	Brantford.....	Wyn Ball.....	T. R. Logan.....
122	aRenfrew.....	Renfrew.....	J. K. Rochester.....	Hugh Macdonald.....
123	aBelleville.....	Belleville.....	F. R. Chesher.....	D. Barragar.....
125	aCornwall.....	Cornwall.....	Hyman Phillips.....	John Ridley.....
126	aGolden Rule.....	Campbellford.....	F. F. Long.....	F. C. Boynycastle.....
127	aFrank.....	Frankford.....	Kenneth Hess.....	J. M. Bell.....
128	aPembroke.....	Pembroke.....	F. P. Wilson.....	D. W. Blakely.....
129	Rising Sun.....	Aurora.....	John F. Willis.....	J. G. McDonald.....
131	aSt. Lawrence.....	Southampton.....	Geo. Speare.....	F. Goodier.....
133	aLebanon Forest.....	Exeter.....	J. M. Southcott.....	R. N. Creech.....
135	aSt. Clair.....	Milton.....	Thos. D. Hume.....	A. A. Armstrong.....
136	Richardson.....	Stouffville.....	K. R. Davis.....	N. M. McLean.....
137	aPythagoras.....	Meaford.....	John N. Marshall.....	F. H. Finley.....
139	Lebanon.....	Oshawa.....	H. B. James.....	H. A. Saunders.....
140	aMalahide.....	Aylmer.....	H. E. Freeman.....	A. E. Richardson.....
141	aTudor.....	Mitchell.....	W. H. Halfnight.....	A. J. Blows.....
142	aExcelsior.....	Morrisburg.....	O. W. Dupran.....	W. C. Dwyer.....
143	aFriendly Brothers.....	Iroquois.....	Herman Hamilton.....	S. W. Wood.....
144	aTecumseh.....	Stratford.....	C. E. Stabler.....	F. S. Smith.....
145	aJ. B. Hall.....	Millbrook.....	W. H. Coombe.....	Chas. Thorndyke.....

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75	1st Monday	10	16	13	7	6	7	8			1	409
76	2nd Monday	11	9	12	2	3	1	10			6	313
77	1st Friday	15	21	19	1	3	6	7				330
78	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	20	18	18	5	2	3	2			1	241
79	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	7	11	13			1				1	122
81	Tue. on or bef. F.M.	5	5	6	2	3	3				1	110
82	2nd Tuesday	3	4	6		1	3	4				171
83	Friday bef. F.M.	5	6	4		1	3					187
84	Friday aft. F.M.	9	3	7	2	1		3			2	105
85	Thur. on or bef. F.M.	6			1	2	2					93
86	3rd Tuesday	14	15	14		3	9	6			1	491
87	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	4	5	4	1	1						167
88	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	13	18	17	2	2	3				1	244
90	2nd Tuesday	12	14	14	8	2	5	8			2	270
91	3rd Friday	3	3	4	2	4	3	11			2	124
92	2nd Friday	14	12	13	4	3	8	1			1	449
93	1st Wednesday	9	10	10	1	4	1	3			2	164
94	2nd Tuesday	4	5	4	1			1				94
96	1st Thursday	17	21	23	4	1	4	2			1	291
97	Tue. on or bef. F.M.	5	5	9	2	1					2	101
98	Friday after F.M.	5	4	7				4				69
99	2nd Wednesday	7	10	15	1	1	3	2				129
100	2nd Monday	11	11	13	5	2	3	1			1	299
101	3rd Friday	9	10	8	4	1	3					236
103	Last Thursday	19	22	23		2	3				1	370
104	Tue. on or aft. F.M.	2	4	3	1		1					148
105	2nd Tuesday	15	24	22	1		3				1	279
106	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	8	5	10	1	3	1					121
107	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	5	5	4	2		1				2	117
108	Fri. on or aft. F.M.	1	1	2	2	2	1					105
109	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	5	5	3	2			13				141
110	1st Tuesday	11	12	9	1	2	2	1				164
113	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	6	6	8	4	1	2	1				189
114	1st Friday	8	9	10	1	2	3				3	235
115	Tue. on or bef. F.M.	8	10	14	4	2	6					199
116	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	8	11	7	1	3	1					68
118	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	2	2	4	1	1					1	67
119	Monday before F.M.	4	5	9								119
120	Tue. on or bef. F.M.	5	4	2								79
121	3rd Friday	15	9	12	9		9	4				638
122	1st Monday	5	6	8	1	1	6	3				167
123	1st Thursday	31	32	36	1	2	4	6			1	336
125	1st Wednesday	18	18	14	1	2	1				2	194
126	1st Tuesday	8	9	6			2	1				181
127	Monday before F.M.	4	2	4		2	2	1				161
128	1st Thursday	9	10	8	1	6	2					223
129	1st Friday	10	8	5	2	1	2					155
131	Tue. on or aft. F.M.	8	8	9		1	1	1			1	112
133	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	6	7	4	1	4	1					118
135	Thur. on or bef. F.M.	2	5	5	2	2	1					138
136	Fri. on or aft. F.M.	1		1		1	2					73
137	1st Tuesday	9	4	6	2	2	2	6				134
139	2nd Tuesday	15	14	15	4						1	245
140	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	19	22	24	5	2	1	2				159
141	Tue. on or bef. F.M.	4	4	5			4				1	132
142	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	1				2	2					102
143	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	1	2	2		1	2					126
144	3rd Friday	19	22	28	2	3	3	6				390
145	Thur. on or bef. F.M.	3	4	6	1		2					103

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146	aPrince of Wales.....	Newburgh.....	D. A. Weese.....	Delbert Sexsmith.....
147	Mississippi.....	Almonte.....	John Lindsay.....	S. Bradley.....
148	aCivil Service.....	Ottawa.....	D. J. Fraser.....	H. W. Lothrop.....
149	aErie.....	Port Dover.....	Lea Marshall.....	J. C. King.....
151	aGrand River.....	Kitchener.....	J. D. Weir.....	P. Fisher.....
153	aBurns.....	Wyoming.....	Jas. F. Dennis.....	W. J. H. Petter.....
154	aIrving.....	Lucan.....	D. E. Chown.....	C. J. Murdy.....
155	aPeterborough.....	Peterborough.....	R. G. Cottrell.....	D. D. Brown.....
156	aYork.....	Toronto.....	Alex. Paton.....	W. E. Holfand.....
157	aSimpson.....	Newboro'.....	Geo. Bawden.....	B. F. Bolton.....
158	aAlexandra.....	Oil Springs.....	R. J. McLaren.....	J. W. Sauvey.....
159	aGoodwood.....	Richmond.....	L. W. Nixon.....	S. B. Gordon.....
161	aPercy.....	Warkworth.....	J. L. Phillips.....	A. M. Smale.....
162	Forest.....	Wroxeter.....	F. F. Wright.....	Thos. Brown.....
164	aStar of the East.....	Wellington.....	Geo. F. Green.....	E. J. Hubbs.....
165	aBurlington.....	Burlington.....	F. C. Robinson.....	Jas. S. Allen.....
166	aWentworth.....	Stoney Creek.....	J. F. Carpenter.....	John H. Lee.....
168	aMerritt.....	Welland.....	W. G. Smith.....	H. E. Dawdy.....
169	aMacnab.....	Port Colborne.....	C. Furry.....	D. Burt.....
170	aBritannia.....	Seaford.....	J. A. Petrie.....	C. Aberhart.....
171	aPrince of Wales.....	Lawrence Sta.....	A. E. Dell.....	Robt. G. Little.....
172	Ayr.....	Ayr.....	Wm. A. Ramsay.....	E. F. Cuthbertson.....
174	aWalsingham.....	Port Rowan.....	L. M. Brown.....	J. E. Biddle.....
177	The Builders.....	Ottawa.....	Thos. R. Brown.....	H. H. Cairns.....
178	aPlattsville.....	Plattsville.....	Donald McLennan.....	John Bristow.....
180	aSpeed.....	Guelph.....	E. R. Flewelling.....	Bard Whetstone.....
181	aOriental.....	Port Burwell.....	Peter M. Stewart.....	L. W. Diehl.....
184	aOld Light.....	Lucknow.....	J. J. McQuaig.....	J. H. Cantelon.....
185	aEnniskillen.....	York.....	M. C. Senn.....	F. W. Brown.....
186	aPlantagenet.....	Riceville.....	C. J. Ryan.....	G. A. Ryan.....
190	Belmont.....	Belmont.....	John Dawes.....	I. F. Turner.....
192	aOrillia.....	Orillia.....	Fred R. Taylor.....	Wm. J. Boyle.....
193	aScotland.....	Scotland.....	Geo. T. Knox.....	C. W. Stuart.....
194	aPetrolia.....	Petrolia.....	Wm. B. Wilson.....	J. R. Steadman.....
195	aTuscan.....	London.....	A. R. Cairncross.....	E. F. Waller.....
196	aMadawaska.....	Arnprior.....	A. Bremner.....	Henry Newham.....
197	aSaugeen.....	Walkerton.....	C. L. Grant.....	Chas. T. Boss.....
200	St. Alban's.....	Mount Forest.....	E. E. Broughton.....	Geo. F. S. LeWarne.....
201	aLeeds.....	Gananoque.....	W. J. Dennison.....	R. B. Gilbert.....
203	Irvine.....	Elora.....	A. A. Badley.....	R. D. Cardno.....
205	New Dominion.....	New Hamburg.....	Geo. W. W. Emslie.....	A. R. G. Smith.....
207	aLancaster.....	Lancaster.....	H. M. Grant.....	R. T. Nicholson.....
209	aEvergreen.....	Lanark.....	Jas. Macdonald.....	Robt. Wilson.....
209a	aSt. John's.....	London.....	Herbert McNab.....	Edwin Smith.....
215	Lake.....	Ameliasburg.....	F. V. Purteile.....	Jas. E. Glenn.....
216	aHarris.....	Orangeville.....	Alex. Connell.....	A. T. Howard.....
217	aFrederick.....	Delhi.....	Max MacPherson.....	A. R. Hargrave.....
218	aStevenson.....	Toronto.....	A. J. Masson.....	H. C. H. Cornell.....
219	aCredit.....	Georgetown.....	S. Kirk.....	Geo. Ford.....
220	Zeredatha.....	Uxbridge.....	A. M. St. John.....	V. M. Hure.....
221	aMountain.....	Thorold.....	H. C. Mandesley.....	W. J. Mable.....
222	aMarmora.....	Marmora.....	C. W. Gladney.....	W. C. Inkster.....
223	aNorwood.....	Norwood.....	Gordon Girvin.....	J. F. Pearce.....
224	Zurich.....	Hensall.....	Thos. Chapman.....	A. W. E. Hemphill.....
225	aBernard.....	Listowel.....	Hugh Hamilton.....	J. H. Blackmore.....
228	aPrince Arthur.....	Odessa.....	J. E. Miller.....	E. S. Parrott.....
229	aIonic.....	Brampton.....	T. W. Fereday.....	W. J. Fenton.....
230	Kerr.....	Barrie.....	Geo. S. McConkey.....	W. N. Duff.....
231	Lodge of Fidelity.....	Ottawa.....	Aubrey MacDonald.....	Robt. Shaw.....

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6	Wed. bef. F.M.	2	2	2	1	2	4	3				86
7	1st Friday	14	17	10	1		1					144
8	2nd Tuesday	16	18	18	6	11	7	3				353
9	Mon. on or bef. F.M. ..	4	3	2	1	1	2					121
10	2nd Tuesday	20	21	20	4	5	4	3				331
11	Thurs. on or bef. F.M. ..	5	4	4	2	7		3				128
12	Thurs. on or bef. F.M. ..	4	4	5				2				106
13	1st Friday	9	12	16	2		3					325
14	3rd Friday	22	22	20	2	5	5				4	405
15	Tues. on or bef. F.M. ..	3	1	3	1	7	1	1				83
16	Thurs. on or after F.M.	4	9	9		4						103
17	Tues. on or bef. F.M. ..	3	1	1		1	1					84
18	Wed. before F.M.	1	2	2		1						92
19	Mon. on or bef. F.M. ..	9	8	10								51
20	Tues. on or bef. F.M. ..	2	2	3	1	3						147
21	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	13	9	9	4	2	2	2			1	206
22	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	8	8	16	1	2	1	2				243
23	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	10	11	9	2	2	5	4				214
24	Tues. on or bef. F.M.	8	10	11	3		3					171
25	1st Monday	4	4	3	1	3	2	1				148
26	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	4	4	4	1		3	2			1	50
27	2nd Monday	4	7	7	1		1	1				78
28	Thurs. on or bef. F.M. ..	6	9	7	1	1	3	2				113
29	2nd Friday	16	13	19	4	4	2					422
30	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	1	1	1		1						65
31	1st Tuesday	20	16	17	4	4	5	3			1	292
32	Tues. on or bef. F.M.	3	6	8	1	2		1				66
33	Thurs. on or bef. F.M.	9	12	13		2	3					147
34	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	7	4	4		2					1	67
35	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	2	2	3		1		2			3	57
36	Fri. on or bef. F.M.		1	3			2				2	99
37	1st Friday	15	17	21	2	3	4	2				398
38	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	3	3	3	1	1	1	3				126
39	2nd Wednesday	5	5	7	5	3	1				1	201
40	1st Monday	25	26	23	13	3	2					266
41	2nd Monday	6	6	3	1	3	2	1				149
42	2nd Tuesday	10	12	8	1	4		1				128
43	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	3	6	8	1	5	2					102
44	Tues. on or bef. F.M.	5	6	7	1	1	4					264
45	3rd Friday	10	5	5		6	1					121
46	Mon. on or after F.M.	8	7	7	3		1	2				52
47	Tues. on or bef. F.M.	4	5	3		5	1	13				125
48	1st Tuesday	8	7	11	3	1					1	84
49	1st Friday	21	25	17	4	3	12	3			1	589
50	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	7	6	3	1	2					1	97
51	Tues. on or bef. F.M.	14	15	14	3	1	1				4	235
52	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	2	3	3		2	1					81
53	2nd Monday	17	17	23	1	5	4	5			3	400
54	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	11	17	17	2	1						148
55	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	13	9	12	1	2	3	2			1	189
56	2nd Thursday	9	14	15	3	2						259
57	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	3	2	2		1						114
58	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	4	4	6	1	6	1	4			1	116
59	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	1	1	1	3	1	3					95
60	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	18	22	24	2	1	2					218
61	Mon. on or after F.M.	8	4	7		1	1					105
62	3rd Tuesday	21	23	24	5	2	3	2			2	234
63	3rd Friday	22	28	23	5	3	6					282
64	3rd Tuesday	17	14	26	3	6	6	18			1	416

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No. of Lodge	Lodge	Where held	W. Master	Secretary
232	aCameron	Dutton	P. A. Duncanson	M. S. Claus
233	aDoric	Parkhill	James Pollock	F. T. Zapfe
234	aBeaver	Clarksburg	M. J. Dillon	Wm. Reekie
235	Aldworth	Paisley	W. C. McKelvey	H. C. Packham
236	aManitoba	Cookstown	V. H. Fletcher	T. McKnight
237	Vienna	Vienna	Geo. A. Kulp	S. S. Clutton
238	Havelock	Watford	Peter Garson	N. B. Hill
239	Tweed	Tweed	W. K. Sherry	W. W. Garrett
242	aMacoy	Mallorytown	Chas. Heaslip	John Collins
243	aSt. George	St. George	W. H. Keirle	W. J. Scott
245	aTecumseh	Thamesville	H. A. Murphy	Angus Graham
247	aAshlar	Toronto	A. E. Hessin	W. H. Lyon
249	aCaledonian	Midland	Geol Dudley	W. H. Thornton
250	Thistle	Embro	Jas. Kennedy	D. J. McLeod
253	aMinden	Kingston	Reg. Crawford	R. S. Graham
254	aClifton	Niagara Falls	R. H. Smith	Samuel Warren
255	Sydenham	Dresden	H. G. French	John French
256	aFarran's Point	Aultsville	F. G. Shaver	R. H. Hanes
257	aGalt	Galt	Cavin Mann	E. F. Hetherington
258	Guelph	Guelph	Geo. M. Binks	F. F. Sweetman
259	Springfield	Springfield	S. B. Simpson	M. M. Black
260	aWashington	Petrolia	H. B. Edwards	H. F. Winter
261	aOak Branch	Innerkip	H. B. Cole	J. S. Hislop
262	aHarriston	Harriston	N. J. Howes	H. J. Hucks
263	aForest	Forest	G. F. Steele	R. B. Crosbie
264	aChaudiere	Ottawa	Wm. Gray	Henry Gates
265	Patterson	Thornhill	W. J. Jackson	J. A. Thompson
266	aNorthern Light	Stayner	D. C. McDermid	D. G. Bell
267	Parthenon	Chatham	J. T. Crouch	J. G. Martin
268	aVerulam	Bobcaygeon	Chas. Bigley	S. H. Cluxton
269	aBrougham Union	Claremont	M. J. Wilker	Thos. Clegg
270	aCedar	Oshawa	W. H. Ross	Thos. Hawkes
271	Wellington	Erin	C. K. Overland	T. C. Foster
272	Seymour	Ancaster	R. E. Brown	J. L. Pritchard
274	aKent	Blenheim	A. R. Williams	John Crookshank
276	aTeeswater	Teeswater	A. L. Strome	G. S. Fowler
277	aSeymour	Port Daulousie	Chas. Longhurst	A. M. Harris
279	aNew Hope	Hespeler	A. D. Ferguson	Arthur Pullam
282	Lorne	Glencoe	R. J. Mumford	C. G. Yorke
283	aEureka	Belleville	S. F. McGuire	W. Jeffers Diamond
284	St. John's	Brussels	J. H. White	Wm. Gillespie
285	Seven Star	Alliston	R. D. Boyes	Wm. Caesar
286	Wingham	Wingham	John L. Stewart	R. A. Coutts
287	aShuniah	Port Arthur	F. E. Graham	A. P. Freed
289	aDoric	Lobo	Earl McCallum	P. L. Graham
290	aLeamington	Leamington	Wm. S. Settingington	D. W. Anderson
291	aDufferin	W. Flamboro	Albert E. Jones	Wesley Green
292	aRobertson	King	Fred C. Boys	E. M. Legge
294	aMoore	Courtright	B. S. Johnston	C. W. Kent
295	aConestogo	Drayton	Maxwell Noble	Calvert Scarr
296	aTemple	St. Catharines	Edward Buller	C. A. Brown
297	Preston	Preston	Jas. M. Gillies	J. A. King
299	Victoria	Centreville	B. S. Lochead	A. M. Bell
300	aMount Olivet	Thorndale	Geo. VanHorne	R. T. Harding
302	St. David's	St. Thomas	Geo. Clifford	W. H. Stapleton
303	aBlyth	Blyth	John S. Scott	J. M. Hamilton
304	aMinerva	Stroud	Wl W. Latimer	G. W. Hewson
305	Humber	Weston	F. W. Rowntree	Wm. C. Burrage
306	Durham	Durham	E. D. McColcklin	E. A. Hay

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232	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	4	5	8	1	1						118
233	Tue. on or aft. F.M.	14	11	11	2	3	1					131
234	Tue. on or bef. F.M.	3	4	3		2	2					88
235	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	7	8	9			1					127
236	Tue. on or aft. F.M.	5	4	4		1	1				1	130
237	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	9	8	9	1	3	1	2				99
238	Tuesday bef. F.M.	3	5	6	2	3	1	3			1	101
239	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	4	5	4	1	2	1	3			2	158
242	Mon. on or bef. F.M.		1	1	1		1					133
243	Thur. on or bef. F.M.	5	5	5	1	1	1	4				95
245	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	5	6	5	1		1					114
247	4th Tuesday	12	11	12	1	2	7					460
249	Monday bef. F.M.	6	11	17	2	2	2	8			2	276
250	Thur. bef. F.M.	2	3	4	1	1	1					112
253	1st Tuesday	14	14	16		2	3	4				296
254	1st Thursday	24	24	30	10		3	1				473
255	Thur. on or bef. F.M.	8	13	13		2	2					146
256	Wed. on or bef. F.M.				1	2						119
257	1st Tuesday	12	11	10	5	2	5	3			1	278
258	2nd Tuesday	20	18	11		1		1			1	270
259	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	6	4	6		2	2					166
260	1st Wednesday	14	12	13		3	1	3			2	205
261	Thur. on or bef. F.M.		3		1	2						55
262	2nd Monday	5	4	3		1	3	2			1	115
263	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	10	11	15	3	4	3					145
264	4th Tuesday	25	24	28	5	8	4	10			3	390
265	3rd Thursday	4	5	6	2		1					123
266	Tue. on or bef. F.M.	7	4	2		1	1					72
267	1st Wednesday	25	23	28	10	6	5	6			1	474
268	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	4	5	6	1	3	1	5			3	95
269	Wed. on or before F.M.	12	10	8								96
270	4th Tuesday	17	20	19	6	1	2	3			1	220
271	Thurs. on or bef. F.M.	9	9	11	2		3					109
272	Tues. on or bef. F.M.	12	12	10	1	1	3				1	195
274	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	5	8	9	2	5						182
276	4th Thursday	7	5	4		1					1	65
277	2nd Wednesday	4	2	2	1	2	3					94
279	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	1	2	2	2	1	1				1	125
282	Thurs. on or bef. F.M.	5	7	4	2	2	1	2				120
283	Wed. after F.M.	17	14	10	3		2					264
284	Tues. on or bef. F.M.	7	12	13	2	3						123
285	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	11	13	10	3	2	3	3			2	151
286	1st Tuesday	8	8	8	4	4	2					151
287	1st Tuesday	21	18	19	8	8	8	11			2	437
289	Thurs. on or bef. F.M.	2	5	5				5				122
290	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	11	15	14	8	5	3				1	264
291	Thurs. on or bef. F.M.	3	3	2	1	1	1	3			2	138
292	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	3	4	2	3	3	1	1				65
294	Thurs. on or bef. F.M.	4	2	2	2	3						85
295	Tues. on or bef. F.M.	6	6	9	2	7		3			3	124
296	3rd Wednesday	19	19	27	6							321
297	3rd Friday	10	8	7	7							155
299	Thurs. on or bef. F.M.		2	2								74
300	Tues. on or bef. F.M.	6	6	5			1					98
302	3rd Thurs.	16	14	12	2	4	7	3			1	456
303	Tues. on or bef. F.M.	4	4	3			1					113
304	Tues. on or bef. F.M.	6	3	3		3	1	1			2	139
305	4th Friday	11	11	11	3	2	2					198
306	2nd Tuesday	5	2	2		1						125

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307	aArkona.....	Arkona	W. Woolvett.....	E. B. Dickison.....
309	aMorning Star	Carlow	Maitland Allin.....	R. D. Munro.....
311	aBlackwood	Woodbridge.....	Geo. W. Shote.....	John A. Fraser.....
312	aPnyx	Wallaceburg.....	D. F. Johnson.....	John Barber.....
313	aClementi.....	Lakefield.....	B. Q. Dench.....	A. E. Kennedy.....
314	aBlair.....	Palmerston.....	A. F. Butlestone.....	H. E. McEwing.....
315	aClifford	Clifford.....	Ira McIntosh.....	Wm. Graef.....
316	aDoric.....	Toronto.....	E. H. Prattis.....	Harry P. Reid.....
318	aWilmot.....	Baden.....	W. A. Rutthig.....	H. C. Schumm.....
319	aHiram.....	Hagersville.....	Thos. Murray.....	W. C. VanLoon.....
320	aChesterville.....	Chesterville.....	Geo. G. Mukley.....	Geo. Elliott.....
321	aWalker.....	Acton.....	W. O. Moffatt.....	R. M. McDonald.....
322	aNorth Star.....	Owen Sound.....	H. H. Burgess.....	A. A. Parks.....
323	aAlvinston.....	Alvinston.....	Robt. Luke.....	Jas. Holme.....
324	aTemple.....	Hamilton.....	G. M. Noble.....	C. H. Cunningham.....
325	Orono.....	Orono.....	E. J. Osborne.....	Neil Colville.....
326	aZetland.....	Toronto.....	F. G. Logan.....	J. H. Landreth.....
327	aHammond.....	Wardsville.....	M. G. McMaster.....	Jas. H. McIntyre.....
328	aIonic.....	Napier.....	A. B. Field.....	W. T. Buchanan.....
329	aKing Solomon's.....	Jarvis.....	Albert Booth.....	R. W. Smith.....
330	aCorinthian.....	London.....	J. M. Mills.....	H. J. Childs.....
331	aFordwich.....	Fordwich.....	Geo. H. Jefferson.....	A. C. Hutchison.....
332	aStratford.....	Stratford.....	Alex. Wilson.....	E. Denroche.....
333	aPrince Arthur.....	Flesherton.....	Arch. Sinclair.....	A. E. Bellamy.....
334	aPrince Arthur.....	Arthur.....	R. H. Clemens.....	J. A. Hardman.....
336	aHighgate.....	Highgate.....	F. A. Leverton.....	C. E. M. Mandell.....
337	aMyrtle.....	Port Robinson.....	Thos. F. Wilson.....	Chas. S. Ross.....
338	aDufferin.....	Wellandport.....	Chas. Gilmore.....	W. T. Fralick.....
339	aOrient.....	Toronto.....	Wm. J. Cordell.....	C. W. Grainger.....
341	aBruce.....	Tiverton.....	W. H. Mewheny.....	D. A. McLaren.....
343	aGeorgina.....	Toronto.....	R. W. Campbell.....	Geo. Thompson.....
344	aMerrill.....	Dorchester.....	J. C. Hunt.....	R. A. Logan.....
345	aNilestown.....	Nilestown.....	R. J. Carswell.....	C. E. Jackson.....
346	aOccident.....	Toronto.....	S. C. Butler.....	Wm. M. Williams.....
347	aMercer.....	Fergus.....	Geo. A. Reynolds.....	A. W. Muir.....
348	aGeorgian.....	Penetanguishene.....	R. J. Craig.....	R. D. Keefe.....
352	aGranite.....	Parry Sound.....	W. H. C. Jackson.....	J. H. Knifton.....
354	aBrook.....	Cannington.....	W. J. Henderson.....	Jos. A. Kift.....
356	aRiver Park.....	Streetsville.....	H. W. Gerhart.....	Geo. S. Bonham.....
357	aWaterdown.....	Millgrove.....	Wm. McFarlane.....	John A. Dalton.....
358	aDelaware Valley.....	Delaware.....	Stanley Merrill.....	E. W. Pincombe.....
359	aVittoria.....	Vittoria.....	A. J. Simmons.....	John Pow.....
360	aMuskoka.....	Bracebridge.....	Jas. K. Shier.....	F. P. Warne.....
361	aWaverley.....	Guelph.....	M. B. Dulmage.....	W. Simpson.....
362	aMaple Leaf.....	Tara.....	F. W. Walker.....	R. I. Shannon.....
364	aDufferin.....	Melbourne.....	R. C. McCandless.....	Geo. J. Stevenson.....
367	aSt. George.....	Toronto.....	S. G. Newdick.....	A. G. A. Nelson.....
368	aSalem.....	Brockville.....	C. F. McEwan.....	E. A. Geiger.....
369	aMimico.....	Lambton Mills.....	Rev. J. G. Cheyne.....	Wm. A. Beecroft.....
370	aHarmony.....	Delta.....	L. L. Irwin.....	H. E. Johnson.....
371	aPrince of Wales.....	Ottawa.....	H. S. Low.....	A. E. Revell.....
372	aPalmer.....	Bridgeburg.....	John A. Yeo.....	N. D. Graham.....
373	aCopestone.....	Welland.....	H. W. Ort.....	Thos. Main.....
374	aKeene.....	Keene.....	R. J. McCamus.....	Wm. H. Fletcher.....
375	aLorne.....	Omamee.....	C. H. Corneil.....	W. J. Thorn.....
376	aUnity.....	Huntsville.....	A. C. Bernath.....	Oscar Wieler.....
377	aLorne.....	Shelburne.....	Geo. M. Watts.....	Samuel Patterson.....
378	aKing Solomon's.....	London.....	F. E. Hornsby.....	Wm. Nicholls.....
379	aMiddlesex.....	Bryanston.....	Wilson McCullough.....	Alex. Grant.....

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307	Thurs. on or bef. F.M.	3	4	4							1	75
309	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	6	5	3				2				79
311	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	6	5	5							1	69
312	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	4	8	8	1	5	2	8				192
313	1st Tuesday	8	6	4		4						122
314	2nd Friday	10	8	10	2		3	2			2	147
315	3rd Monday	7	8	8								75
316	3rd Thursday	24	22	18	10	6	6	4				516
318	Fri. on or after F.M.	2	3	1							1	33
319	Thurs. on or bef. F.M.	12	9	7	2	4	2				1	148
320	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	4	5	5	1	1	3					142
321	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	9	9	10		1						111
322	Wed. after F.M.	13	12	14	4	4	4	4			1	262
323	Wed. on bef. F. M.	2	4	4			1	3			1	94
324	2nd Tuesday	18	22	20	3	6	5	2			2	558
325	Thur. on or bef. F. M.	13	10	9	1	1	4					84
326	4th Friday	18	15	18	1	7	10	2				646
327	Mon. on or bef. F. M.	8	8	6	1	1	1	1			1	53
328	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	3	5	3		2	1					72
329	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	1	2	1	1		3	4				75
330	1st Tuesday	13	13	13	3		3	1				340
331	Thur. on or bef. F. M.	6	6	3	1	4	3	8				70
332	2nd Monday	24	26	18	4	4	1	2			1	325
333	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	10	8	11	2	4	1	1			1	383
334	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	3	2	4		2					1	69
336	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	4	4	6	2	1						102
337	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	4	3	2		1	1				1	80
338	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	12	12	12		2	1					86
339	1st Tuesday	19	15	15		8	9	14			4	460
341	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	3	2	2		1					1	82
343	1st Saturday	16	15	22	1	6	4	4			1	498
344	Thur. on or bef. F. M.	2	2	2	1							71
345	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	5	5	2			1				1	106
346	3rd Wednesday	18	21	22	3	2	4	13			4	604
347	1st Friday	9	8	6	1	3		8			2	114
348	1st Thursday	4	3	7	1	2	2				1	136
352	3rd Wednesday	36	26	14	1	3	1	7			2	276
354	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	5	9	8		2	1				1	89
356	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	8	9	8	2	2	1					121
357	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	5	7	8	1	1	1	2				182
358	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	5	3	5	1		1				1	75
359	Fri. on or bef. F. M.	8	9	9	1		1					71
360	1st Tuesday	8	6	7	2		1	2				115
361	4th Monday	15	16	20	3	13	2				1	379
362	Mon. on or bef. F. M.	7	6	10		1	2					85
364	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	3	4	6		5					1	72
367	1st Friday	22	22	18		6	5	8			5	479
368	2nd Monday	15	11	12	2	8	4	5				268
369	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	19	19	23	3	3	3	6				227
370	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	1	1	1		1	1	2				87
371	4th Friday	26	25	21	3	9	3	2			1	306
372	1st Tuesday	10	10	8		3		2				172
373	1st Thursday	7	8	6	2	8	2	4			2	226
374	Thur. on or bef. F. M.						1				1	34
375	1st Thursday	4	3	3	1							111
376	2nd Wednesday	7	6	7	2	2	2				1	165
377	1st Friday	11	11	14	4	2	1	1				127
378	2nd Thursday	21	23	25	2	5	2	5			4	381
379	Wed. on or bef. F. M.	1	1	1			2				2	60

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The names of the W. M. and Secretary

No. of Lodge	Lodge	Where held	W. Master	Secretary
380	aUnion.....	London.....	H. E. Livermore	Jos. Ward.....
382	Doric.....	Hamilton.....	Hilton Wallace.....	Dr. C. V. Emory.....
383	aHenderson.....	Winchester.....	G. E. Payne.....	F. A. Coons.....
384	aAlpha.....	Toronto.....	F. L. DeLong.....	E. J. Voss.....
385	aSpry.....	Beeton.....	W. E. King.....	N. P. McDonald.....
386	aMcColl.....	West Lorne.....	W. G. Thompson.....	A. E. McLean.....
387	aLansdowne.....	Lansdowne.....	A. W. Burns.....	G. H. Landon.....
388	aHenderson.....	Ilderton.....	Jos. Linder.....	J. C. Reeve.....
389	aCrystal Fountain.....	N. Augusta.....	C. S. Totten.....	G. M. Wilkins.....
390	aFlorence.....	Florence.....	Ref. P. H. Streeter.....	Jas. Beatty.....
391	aHoward.....	Ridgetown.....	John J. Freely.....	T. A. Routledge.....
392	aHuron.....	Camlachie.....	A. C. Trusler.....	John Anderson.....
393	Forest.....	Chesley.....	Chas. Smellie.....	H. H. Stevens.....
394	aKing Solomon's.....	Thamesford.....	John Oliver.....	W. W. Day.....
395	Parvaim.....	Comber.....	H. Richardson.....	L. Dean.....
396	aCedar.....	Warton.....	A. E. Jackson.....	A. E. Dobson.....
397	aLeopold.....	Brigden.....	F. W. Lillywhite.....	J. W. McDonald.....
398	Victoria.....	Kirkfield.....	Wm. T. McRae.....	Wm. Jobe.....
399	Moffat.....	Harrietsville.....	Albert Eaton.....	Jas. Butler.....
400	aOakville.....	Oakville.....	W. M. Wilkinson.....	E. O. Taylor.....
401	aCraig.....	Deseronto.....	T. L. McCullough.....	Robt. Lorge.....
402	Central.....	Essex.....	J. S. Laird.....	I. Middleton.....
403	aWindsor.....	Windsor.....	N. E. Irvine.....	A. N. Pettit.....
404	aLorne.....	Tamworth.....	J. W. Shier.....	John A. Brown.....
405	aMattawa.....	Mattawa.....	H. T. Lloyd.....	A. I. Tongue.....
406	aSpry.....	Fenelon Falls.....	Chas. Burgoyne.....	H. J. Townley.....
408	aMurray.....	Beaverton.....	F. A. Veale.....	W. C. Latimer.....
409	aGolden Rule.....	Cravenhurst.....	H. P. Kohn.....	W. H. Butterworth.....
410	aZeta.....	Toronto.....	E. L. Ackerman.....	W. E. Robson.....
411	aRodney.....	Rodney.....	John A. McDonald.....	Arch. McLeod.....
412	aKeystone.....	Sault Ste. Marie.....	H. A. Workman.....	E. I. Scott.....
413	aNaphtali.....	Tilbury.....	D. G. Fletcher.....	P. M. Lampman.....
414	Pequonga.....	Kenora.....	H. S. Cade.....	H. E. Holland.....
415	aFort William.....	Fort William.....	Geo. F. Birch.....	C. E. Coombes.....
416	Lyn.....	Lyn.....	R. G. Stewart.....	Frank Stafford.....
417	aKeewatin.....	Keewatin.....	A. B. Johnston.....	Fred Bruce.....
418	aMaxville.....	Maxville.....	J. M. McRae.....	F. L. McMillan.....
419	aLiberty.....	Point Edward.....	Wm. E. McKelvey.....	W. J. Alcock.....
420	Nipissing.....	North Bay.....	R. S. Fulcher.....	B. F. Nott.....
421	aScott.....	Grand Valley.....	Ernest Rae.....	W. O' C. Ahern.....
422	Star of the East.....	Bothwell.....	G. D. Hoover.....	J. J. Vincent.....
423	aStrong.....	Sundridge.....	J. H. Quirt.....	Roy N. Black.....
424	aDoric.....	Pickering.....	Fred Bunting.....	Geo. Elliott.....
425	aSt. Clair.....	Sombra.....	Roht A. Stokes.....	J. W. Burnham.....
426	aStanley.....	Toronto.....	W. J. Gordon.....	Wm. Harris.....
427	aNickel.....	Sudbury.....	Jas. A. Ross.....	Jos. Fowler.....
428	Fidelity.....	Port Perry.....	A. B. Cawker.....	J. W. Crozier.....
429	aPort Elgin.....	Port Elgin.....	A. L. Wyant.....	Jas. B. Cottrill.....
430	aAcacia.....	Toronto.....	F. J. Creber.....	R. G. Allen.....
432	Moravian.....	Cargill.....	Wm. Russell.....	G. F. Saunders.....
433	Hanover.....	Hanover.....	Wm. J. Cross.....	W. D. Staples.....
434	aBonnechere.....	Eganville.....	Chas. A. Whyte.....	Jas. Reeves.....
434	Algonquin.....	Emsdale.....	J. D. McNeill.....	Jas. H. Metcalfe.....
435	aHavelock.....	Havelock.....	Wm. Hitchins.....	H. F. McNichol.....
436	aBurns.....	Hepworth.....	E. M. Good.....	Gilbert Roseborough.....
437	aTuscan.....	Sarnia.....	Jas. Gammon.....	W. J. Barrie.....
438	aHarmony.....	Toronto.....	E. C. Ironside.....	Thos. Robinson.....
439	Alexandria.....	Alexandria.....	E. T. Shanks.....	G. W. Shepherd.....
440	Arcadia.....	Minden.....	R. T. Hughes.....	S. Phillips.....
441	aWestport.....	Westport.....	Dr. R. R. Barker.....	John D. Adams.....

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No. of Lodge	Night of Meeting	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Joined	Resigned	Dead	Suspend. N.P.D.	Suspend. U.M.C.	Expelled	Restored	Total Members
380	2nd Monday	18	19	24	1	2	4	5			2	371
382	3rd Monday	15	18	18	3	1	4	7			2	515
383	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	1	1	1			3					115
384	1st Thursday	34	44	49	2	7	6	10			1	632
385	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	6	5	5		1	1					90
386	Tue. on or bef. F.M.	7	8	10	2	1	2				1	155
387	Thur. on or bef. F.M.	8	8	8	2	1		2				81
388	Mob. on or bef. F.M.	3	4	3			1					110
389	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	5	8	7		4						96
390	Fri. on or bef. F.M.		2	4		1	1					68
391	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	9	14	16	1	3	2	3				169
392	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	3	3	6		3	1	10			1	91
393	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	3	7	16	1	2	1					105
394	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	4	3	4	2		2	2				120
395	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	2	2	2			2					70
396	Tue. on or bef. F.M.	7	10	11	1	3	1					157
397	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	10	9	6	2	3	3				2	110
398	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	5	4	2		1	3					82
399	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	1	1	2		1	1					67
400	1st Tuesday	10	14	13	2	1					2	220
401	2nd Tuesday	5	7	8		7		10				121
402	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	7	10	12	1		1					186
403	1st Friday	32	34	32	4	9	7	18			1	601
404	Fri. on or bef. F.M.		2	5	1	4	1	1			1	75
405	1st Tuesday	3	1	1			2	4			1	121
406	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	2	4	5	1	1	1					105
408	Tue. on or bef. F.M.	4	4	5	1	2	2					114
409	2nd Monday	5	7	5		2	2					130
410	4th Friday	12	14	17	1	4	6	9			4	449
411	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	13	7	3								84
412	1st Tuesday	13	14	15	8	4	3	5			1	498
413	Tue. on or bef. F.M.	6	5	5	1		1					116
414	1st Wednesday	14	14	11	2	6	2					273
415	2nd Wednesday	16	19	20	2	3	1	1			4	365
416	Tue. on or bef. F.M.	5	3	4		1	3					63
417	1st Friday	4	3	4	1							115
418	2nd Friday	6	5	6	2			2				100
419	2nd Monday	14	18	16	1	3	3	1			1	138
420	2nd Monday	20	25	28	2	5	3	2				317
421	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	1	2	2								107
422	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	8	9	9	2		1					98
423	3rd Monday	6	6	5		2	2					99
424	Thur. on or bef. F.M.	3	3	2	1	1		3				53
425	Tue. on or bef. F.M.	4	3	2		3		2				102
426	1st Tuesday	37	41	32	2	3	11	4			2	539
427	1st Wednesday	10	8	13	4	7	2	2			1	333
428	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	11	12	7	2	1	2	14			2	159
429	Thur. on or bef. F.M.	1	2	4	1	2	1					88
430	3rd Monday	18	16	16		3	1	9				362
431	Fri. on or aft. F.M.	3	3	3		3	1	1			1	63
432	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	6	3	6	2	1						102
433	2nd Monday	6	7	9		3		1				108
434	Tue. on or aft. F.M.	7	6	8	4	2	1	3				122
435	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	9	8	5	1	2	2					160
436	Tue. on or aft. F.M.	3	8	8		3						71
437	3rd Wednesday	34	34	40	7	5	6				1	398
438	4th Monday	17	21	20	3	7	8	9			4	505
439	Tue. on or aft. F.M.	8	7	9			3	2			1	77
440	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	2	2	2	1			1				79
441	1st Friday		1	1			3					96

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No. of Lodge	Lodge	Where held	W. Master	Secretary
442	aDyment	Thessalon	Wilbert White	Wm. W. Thomson
443	aPowassan	Powassan	Abraham Wilson	W. C. Porter
444	aNitetis	Creemore	Rev. C. H. MacDonald	Rev. J. H. Colclough
445	aLake of the Woods	Kenora	G. F. Doan	P. L. Teasdale
446	aGranite	Fort Frances	W. W. Wells	F. H. Warner
447	Sturgeon Falls	Sturgeon Falls	Wm. C. Pedlar	Rev. Canon Piercy
448	aXenophon	Wheatley	D. M. McGregor	Jas. D. McGregor
449	Dundalk	Dundalk	L. C. Champ	H. C. Moody
450	aHawkesbury	Hawkesbury	A. G. McIntosh	J. W. Holthy
451	aSomerville	Kinmount	A. E. Hopkins	C. W. Wellstood
452	aAvonmore	Avonmore	John F. McRae	S. G. Shaver
453	Royal	Fort William	R. Dagger	F. C. Perry
454	Corona	Burk's Falls	John M. Gerow	J. J. Wilson
455	Doric	Little Current	G. H. Turner	W. G. Alston
456	Elma	Monkton	C. W. Hobbs	A. Chalmers
457	aCentury	Merlin	D. M. Fletcher	J. C. Sales
458	aWales	Wales	C. J. Maginnis	Geo. D. Colquhoun
459	aCobden	Cobden	Arthur Collins	H. Guest
460	aRideau	Seeley's Bay	John Robb	C. C. Gilbert
461	aIonic	Rainy River	Geo. Ross	E. E. Jess
462	Temiskaming	New Liskeard	John T. Bewes	J. H. Brown
463	North Entrance	Haliburton	A. Batchelor	H. H. Clark
464	King Edward	Sunderland	Rev. Walter Cannon	R. A. Purvis
465	aCarleton	Carp	J. S. Ragsdale	Geo. A. Moore
466	aCoronation	Elmvale	R. W. Black	J. T. Foster
467	aTottenham	Tottenham	R. J. Walkem	J. J. McKnight
468	Peel	Caledon East	J. W. Wiggins	J. W. Phillips
469	aAlgoma	Sault Ste. Marie	D. A. Hopper	D. W. Hilts
470	aVictoria	Victoria Harbor	Walter B. Reid	J. P. Schissler
471	aKing Edward VII	Chippawa	V. L. Davidson	Wm. Smeaton
472	aGore Bay	Gore Bay	R. N. Smith	E. W. Davis
473	aThe Beaches	Toronto	W. H. Cunningham	S. J. Manchester
474	aVictoria	Toronto	Geo. H. Boyd	W. E. Birrell
475	aDundurn	Hamilton	Geo. S. Dalton	J. M. Dunlop
476	aCorinthian	North Gower	W. H. Leach	J. H. Cryderman
477	aHarding	Woodville	Thos. G. Morrow	A. E. Staback
478	aMilverton	Milverton	A. W. Gallop	E. Seigner
479	aRussell	Russell	J. A. Gamble	W. B. Morgan
480	aWilliamsburg	Williamsburg	Orrin Wylie	J. A. Barkley
481	aCorinthian	Toronto	W. H. Huntel	B. Hannigan
482	aBancroft	Bancroft	C. W. Mullett	R. F. Delyea
483	aGranton	Granton	C. H. Foster	Chas. Powers
484	Golden Star	Dryden	A. E. Berry	A. Burton
485	aHaileybury	Haileybury	M. S. Grover	J. W. Young
486	aSilver	Cobalt	Lyman McEwan	H. B. Hawley
487	aPenewobikong	Blind River	Geo. H. Christilaw	Geo. J. McArthur
488	aKing Edward	Harrow	A. G. Taylor	G. E. Johnston
489	Osiris	Smith's Falls	M. T. Burgess	J. F. O'Brien
490	aH ram	Markdale	Ran. Brady	S. H. Buchanan
491	aCardinal	Cardinal	C. F. Williams	W. T. Kingston
492	aKarnak	Coldwater	Chas. F. Amess	C. G. Millard
493	aSt. Marys	St. Marys	Wm. N. Harrison	L. G. Maxwell
494	aRiverdale	Toronto	E. C. Veitch	J. W. Malcolm
495	aElectric	Hamilton	Leroy Holmes	W. F. Montague
496	aUniversity	Toronto	Hyndman Irwin	A. E. MacLean
497	aSt. Andrew's	Arden	D. Cox	J. A. Pringle
498	aKing George V.	Coboconk	Wilson Ellis	Chas. M. Callan
499	aPort Arthur	Port Arthur	A. C. Wood	A. Rome
500	aRose	Windsor	E. H. Potter	M. P. McMaster

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442	2nd Thursday	10	6	6			1				1	135
443	2nd Friday	7	13	13	1	2	1				1	85
444	Tue. on or aft. F. M.	5	6	4	1	1	2					91
445	2nd Wednesday	10	8	7	2		1				1	77
446	1st Tuesday	7	10	19	3	3	2	2				158
447	2nd Thursday	7	5	4		1	1					92
448	Thur. on or bef. F.M.	4	3	2	2	3	1	2				70
449	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	3	2	1	1							83
450	Thur. on or bef. F.M.	7	7	4	1	5		5				99
451	Thur. on or bef. F.M.	3	2	3	1	1	1	2			1	68
452	Tue. on or bef. F.M.	1	3	2		5	1	3				96
453	1st Wednesday	6	7	9	2	3		1			1	208
454	2nd Monday	12	14	12	1		1					117
455	2nd Tuesday	1	2	4	1	1		6			1	100
456	Thur. on or bef. F.M.	5	6	4		2						60
457	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	4	4	3	1							117
458	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	2	3	3								104
459	2nd Tuesday	8	6	4		2						118
460	Thur. on or bef. F.M.	1	2	2	1	1		5				77
461	1st Thursday	9	8	8	1	5		6			7	99
462	3rd. Thursday	8	12	8	2	3		1				172
463	3rd Thursday	6	3	7				1	1			77
464	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	13	10	5	1			1				97
465	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	1	1	1	1							74
466	1st. Friday	5	4	4	1	4		1				97
467	Mon. on or aft. F.M.	1	2	4		4		1			1	70
468	Fri. on or aft. F.M.	4	3	3		2		2				103
469	2nd Monday	8	8	11	2	3		1	3			296
470	Wed. on or bef. F.M.	6	6	8				1			1	139
471	1st Wednesday	7	7	7							1	98
472	1st Wednesday	3	4	3		1						103
473	2nd Friday	17	14	12		4		5	2			301
474	3rd Tuesday	29	33	34	1	11		2	8			403
475	3rd Saturday	35	28	38	4	8		5			2	532
476	Fri. on or bef. F.M.	4	5	4	1	1		1				88
477	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	5	4	3		3		1				78
478	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	7	7	9	1	1		2				89
479	Mon. on or aft. F.M.	2	2	7	4	6		2				147
480	Thur. on or bef. F.M.	2	2	2		1					3	65
481	4th Thursday	16	24	24		2		5				323
482	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	8	9	9	1	4		1				167
483	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	3	4	5		2						75
484	2nd Tuesday	9	6	5	5	3		1	7		3	105
485	1st Thursday	8	7	5	1	1		3				200
486	1st Monday	15	14	12		3		4			2	252
487	2nd Monday	4	5	5		5		2				72
488	Tue. on or bef. F.M.	7	7	7	2			1			1	106
489	Friday aft. F.M.	8	9	13		3		1	1			127
490	Tue. on or bef. F.M.	6	5	8	3			1				58
491	2nd Friday	3	4	5		4						94
492	Thur. on or bef. F.M.	5	6	5	1			1				92
493	4th Monday	9	9	13		6		1				170
494	4th Friday	28	28	19	6	7		2	8			401
495	3rd Wednesday	34	40	37	3	9		1	8		2	523
496	2nd Wednesday	28	25	24	7	4		3				398
497	Tue. on or bef. F.M.	6	6	5	1			1				92
498	Mon. on or bef. F.M.	11	9	7	1	1						78
499	2nd Monday	15	21	28	1	1		2	6			278
500	3rd Tuesday	12	10	16	2	1		2			1	153

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No. of Lodge	Lodge	Where held	W. Master	Secretary
501	aConnaught	Mimico	Percy Weise	Geo. S. Brown
502	Coronation	Smithville	A. H. Schnick	J. H. Patterson
503	aInwood	Inwood	A. R. Chapman	W. R. Dawson
504	Otter	Lombardy	Delbert Connell	O. W. Wright
505	aLynden	Lynden	J. S. Howell	Wm. A. Smith
506	aPorcupine	Porcupine	M. G. Clark	O. T. Orr
507	aElk Lake	Elk Lake	H. W. Sommerville	F. G. Kirk
508	aOzias	Brantford	Jas. S. Rowe	F. W. Benedict
509	Twin City	Kitchener	W. Bucknell	Geo. DeKleinhans
510	aParkdale	Toronto	E. A. Peaker	G. E. Buchanan
511	aConnaught	W. Fort William	J. Bayliff	Rev. A. J. Bruce
512	Malone	Sutton W.	W. J. Taylor	O. J. Silver
513	aCorinthian	Hamilton	J. H. Eydt	J. R. Croft
514	aSt. Alban's	Toronto	H. R. Adams	Geo. T. Gardiner
515	aReba	Brantford	C. E. Kitchen	D. E. Russell
516	aEnterprise	Beachburg	J. B. Craymes	P. C. Creeggan
517	aHazeldean	Hazeldean	Geo. P. McCaffrey	J. R. McGuire
518	aSioux Lookout	Sioux Lookout	W. H. Green	D. R. Rorke
519	aOnondaga	Onondaga	John H. Simpson	Arthur Barton
520	aCoronati	Toronto	E. A. Johnston	J. T. Stephenson
521	aOntario	Windsor	Jas. C. Reid	J. R. Thomson
522	aMount Sinai	Toronto	L. M. Singer	C. E. Garrard
523	aRoyal Arthur	Peterborough	C. R. Lech	G. W. Haley
524	aMississauga	Port Credit	A. H. McEdden	W. M. Gemmell
525	aTemple	Toronto	John F. Judge	Chas. W. Long
526	aIonic	Westboro'	J. H. Calkner	Thos. Saunders
527	aEspanola	Espanola	D. B. Chant	J. W. Darby
528	aGolden Beaver	Timmins	G. S. Lowe	A. G. Irving
529	aMyra	Komoka	L. A. Leckie	W. R. Bishop
530	aCochrane	Cochrane	E. Humphreys	H. E. McGill
531	aHigh Park	Toronto	A. E. Weston	R. B. Magill
532	aCanada	Toronto	A. Wilson	J. E. Baker
533	aShamrock	Toronto	W. A. Kent	E. W. Leith
534	aEnglehart	Englehart	John A. Hough	H. G. Murdock
535	aPhoenix	Fonthill	Wm. Barron	F. H. Clark
536	aAlgonquin	Copper Cliff	W. J. Trezise	W. T. Waterbury
537	aUlster	Toronto	Chas. A. Jones	Geo. Chambers
538	aEarl Kitchener	Port McNicoll	Geo. Patterson	Wm. Stephenson
539	aWaterloo	Waterloo	S. W. Otto	C. O. Hemphill
540	aAbitibi	Iroquois Falls	Chas. McMillan	Geo. S. Pincott
541	aTuscan	Toronto	Wm. R. Scott	S. J. Jackson
542	aMetropolitan	Toronto	T. E. C. Butler	E. C. Wilson
543	aImperial	Toronto	D. S. L. MacDougall	Thos. McDonald
544	aLincoln	Abingdon	Jas. F. McDougall	Ewart McEvoy
545	aJohn Ross Robertson	Toronto	Godfrey Hamblly	W. J. S. Graham
546	aTalbot	St. Thomas	Wm. H. Corrie	W. A. McPherson
547	aVictory	Toronto	Robt. G. Furness	H. C. Tugwell
548	aGeneral Mercer	Toronto	G. N. Shaver	C. H. Dearden
549	aIonic	Hamilton	E. J. McMartin	S. A. Wait
550	aBuchanan	Hamilton	Robt. Johnston	J. A. Paterson
551	aTuscan	Hamilton	J. E. McCann	T. W. Appleton
552	aQueen City	Toronto	F. H. Evans	G. G. Spracklin
553	aOakwood	Toronto	Edward Salishburg	Wm. Hyndman
554	aBorder Cities	Windsor	E. R. Musselman	E. T. Howe
555	aWardrope	Hamilton	G. W. Smith	A. E. Wilcox
556	aNation	Spencerville	W. M. Snyder	M. M. McGuire
557	aFinch	Finch	D. B. Cameron	E. C. Marshall
558	aSidney Albert Luke	Ottawa	B. E. Gamble	W. E. Hayes

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No. of Lodge	Night of Meeting	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Joined	Resigned	Dead	Suspend. N.P.D.	Suspend U.M.C.	Expelled	Restored	Total Members
501	2nd Thursday.....	13	7	10	4	2	1	1				220
502	Mon. on or bef. F. M.....	13	14	13		2						88
503	Mon. on or bef. F. M.....	5	6	10				1				91
504	Tue. on or bef. F. M.....	5	3	3		1	1					40
505	Wed. on or bef. F. M.....	7	5	4			1	2				87
506	1st Thursday.....	9	11	10	2	4	3					134
507	2nd Friday.....	11	8	7		4	2	5				85
508	3rd Tuesday.....	17	15	20	1			2				158
509	4th Friday.....	8	10	14		3	2	1				184
510	2nd Friday.....	37	33	37	10		3	1				255
511	3rd Monday.....	6	1		3	1						137
512	Wed. on or bef F. M.....	5	12	13	1			1				115
513	4th Thursday.....	44	45	53	5	3	2	1			1	491
514	3rd Monday.....	48	46	36	2	1	3	19			2	401
515	2nd Friday.....	11	8	6	3	2		3			1	219
516	1st Monday.....	4	4	4	2			4				84
517	Wed. on or bef. F. M.....	1	2	1	1		1					66
518	1st Monday.....	10	15	24	2	2	1					162
519	Last Friday.....	10	12	12		1	1					82
520	2nd Tuesday.....	31	29	29	1		3	2				371
521	1st Monday.....	35	48	54	2	2	1					364
522	2nd Tuesday.....	45	32	41	3	2	1				1	343
523	1st Monday.....	3	1	1	7	1	1					126
524	2nd Thursday.....	8	6	4	1		2	2				117
525	4th Tuesday.....	33	32	26	5		2	2				293
526	2nd Wednesday.....	18	15	12		2	2	4				180
527	1st Wednesday.....	6	5	4	1	2						80
528	2nd Wednesday.....	9	11	10	2	2	3	3				128
529	Mon. on or bef. F. M.....	1	1	1								59
530	2nd Friday.....	8	7	4	7			2				107
531	3rd Thursday.....	32	35	41	9	2	3	8			1	549
532	1st Friday.....	32	38	42	4	3	2	9				314
533	3rd Tuesday.....	21	26	31	2	6					1	366
534	Mon. on or bef. F. M.....	10	18	16	2	1	2	1			2	108
535	Mon. on or aft. F. M.....	3	5	5		1	1					77
536	3rd Tuesday.....		2	3	1	1		1				94
537	1st Monday.....	50	43	47	4	2	3					524
538	Tue. on or bef. F. M.....	5	6	3		1		1				58
539	1st Wednesday.....	5	5	7	1		1					106
540	3rd Friday.....	8	10	7	1	2	2	2			1	111
541	3rd Friday.....	25	30	36	6	5	2	4			1	403
542	4th Wednesday.....	15	15	14	5	2	1					152
543	4th Monday.....	16	19	21	7	4		2				218
544	Fri. on or bef. F. M.....	8	10	8	1							67
545	3rd Tuesday.....	35	45	40	1	6	3	7			1	298
546	4th Thursday.....	20	14	13	8	3	1	1				226
547	2nd Wednesday.....	4	5	6	2		1					92
548	2nd Friday.....	26	32	37	4	3	1	1				213
549	1st Wednesday.....	42	38	39	5	2						167
550	1st Thursday.....	24	24	31		4						193
551	1st Thursday.....	39	40	61	2	6	1	3				285
552	1st Wednesday.....	34	46	72	2	2						276
553	2nd Monday.....	35	32	34	4	6		1				199
554	1st Saturday.....	22	24	25		2	1					109
555	4th Monday.....	50	47	53	3	3						291
556	1st Friday.....	3		3		1						55
557	Thur. on or bef. F. M.....	4	3	7			1	2				70
558	2nd Wednesday.....	11	18	16	1	2						105

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No. of Lodge	Lodge	Where held	W. Master	Secretary
559	Palestine.....	Toronto	M. J. Singer.....	Harry Melvin
560	St. Andrew's.....	Ottawa	F. C. Nunnick.....	F. C. Baker.....
561	Acacia.....	Westboro'	A. H. Holloway.....	C. W. Crockatt.....
562	Hamilton.....	Hamilton.....	F. J. Brown.....	D. R. Gibson.....
563	Victory.....	Chatham	Percy K. Morley.....	W. Scurr.....
564	Ashlar.....	Ottawa	W. C. Gowling.....	Wm. Short.....
565	Kilwinning.....	Toronto.....	A. L. Burtch.....	Thos. Forsyth.....
566	King Hiram.....	Toronto.....	W. L. Clark.....	J. C. Bruce.....
567	St. Aidan's.....	Toronto.....	Geo. O. Coates.....	D. B. McCunn.....
568	Hullett.....	Londesboro'	Daniel Geddes.....	John Fingland.....
569	Doric.....	Lakeside	Wm. B. Martin.....	F. G. Seaton.....
570	Dufferin.....	Toronto.....	R. E. Burns.....	I. H. Burns.....
571	Antiquity.....	Toronto.....	E. J. Luttrell.....	R. A. MacDonald.....
572	Mizpah.....	Toronto.....	Wm. McKee.....	Wm. Creasy.....
573	Adoniram.....	Niagara Falls.....	G. E. French.....	H. M. Little.....
574	Craig.....	Ailsa Craig.....	G. H. Singleton.....	Erle Finan.....
575	Fidelity.....	Toronto.....	H. M. Challenger.....	W. Moull.....
576	Mimosa.....	Toronto.....	J. W. Brandon.....	R. H. Reynolds.....
577	St. Clair.....	Toronto.....	W. H. C. Summerfeldt.....	P. Back.....
578	Queen's.....	Kingston.....	L. J. Austin.....	E. W. Skinner.....
579	Harmony.....	Windsor.....	A. F. Brain.....	W. H. Kent.....
580	Acacia.....	London.....	J. H. C. Woodward.....	J. W. Plewes.....
581	Harcourt.....	Toronto.....	Robt. Wherry.....	W. E. Riberton.....
582	Sunnyside.....	Toronto.....	J. J. Shelly.....	R. T. Hogg.....
583	Transportation.....	Toronto.....	W. Tansley.....	Jas. G. Dunn.....
584	Kaministiquia.....	Fort William.....	C. W. Grandy.....	S. C. Read.....
585	Royal Edward.....	Kingston.....	Rev. R. J. Wilson.....	W. J. Saunders.....
586	War Veterans.....	Toronto.....	R. W. Smart.....	J. A. Duncan.....
587	Patricia.....	Toronto.....	M. F. Smeall.....	W. T. Davidson.....
588	National.....	Capreol.....	A. H. Cavanagh.....	H. Hembruff.....
589	Grey.....	Toronto.....	G. H. Armstrong.....	J. W. Tucker.....
590	Defenders.....	Ottawa.....	W. C. N. Marriott.....	A. M. McCormick.....
591	North Gate.....	Toronto.....	Harry Linney.....	A. W. Urmy.....
592	Fairbank.....	Toronto.....	John T. Watson.....	Thos. G. Taylor.....
593	St. Andrew's.....	Hamilton.....	Donald Munro.....	F. W. Davidson.....
594	Hillcrest.....	Hamilton.....	J. A. Yorick.....	J. O. Ironside.....
595	Rideau.....	Ottawa.....	Chas. F. Winter.....	A. C. Wiltshire.....
596	Martintown.....	Martintown.....	Alex. G. Gordon.....	D. H. McDougall.....
597	Temple.....	London.....	A. M. Trick.....	W. C. MacArthur.....
598	Dominion.....	Windsor.....	H. W. Wilson.....	D. A. Chater.....
599	Mount Dennis.....	Toronto.....	R. H. Nixon.....	W. T. Roberts.....
600	Maple Leaf.....	Toronto.....	John A. Cooper.....	Wm. Moull.....
601	St. Paul.....	Sarnia.....	John T. Elliott.....	J. F. Newton.....
602	Hugh Murray.....	Hamilton.....	Arthur Lavis.....	J. H. Leach.....
603	Campbell.....	Campbellville.....	T. H. Snyder.....	W. W. Stewart.....
604	Palace.....	Windsor.....	F. B. B. Patten.....	John A. McNab.....
605	Melita.....	Toronto.....	G. M. Hermiston.....	Fred. C. Becker.....
606	Unity.....	Toronto.....	E. L. Trumper.....	T. S. Evans.....
607	Golden Fleece.....	Toronto.....	A. E. Stone.....	F. A. Beatty.....
608	Gothic.....	Lindsay.....	A. M. Fulton.....	W. R. Alley.....
609	Tavistock.....	Tavistock.....	H. H. Reid.....	R. Hansen.....
610	Ashlar.....	Byron.....	J. W. Meriam.....	H. W. Thompson.....
611	Huron-Bruce.....	Toronto.....	W. E. Struthers.....	Wm. Proudfoot.....
612	Birch Cliff.....	Birch Cliff.....	J. A. Carveth.....	A. H. Burland.....
613	Fort Erie.....	Fort Erie.....	Wm. F. Willson.....	W. E. Johnson.....
614	Adanac.....	Merritton.....	R. A. Gibson.....	F. H. S. Sutherland.....
615	Dominion.....	Ridgeway.....	Jas. E. Laur.....	Fred C. Brown.....
616	Perfection.....	St. Catharines.....	Robt. L. Dunn.....	G. L. Sherk.....
617	North Bay.....	North Bay.....	John Jago.....	J. E. Gardiner.....

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559	4th Wednesday	21	23	26	4		1					140
560	1st Thursday	30	28	27	5	3	1	2				159
561	4th Friday	7	7	16	2	1						86
562	2nd Monday	43	35	40	6	4						286
563	2nd Tuesday	20	24	23	6	2		1				179
564	1st Saturday	22	23	26								115
565	3rd Friday	49	46	43	18	4	1	1				270
566	1st Friday	17	17	28	6	2						140
567	3rd Friday	8	11	9		2	2					64
568	Tue. on or bef. F. M.	1	2	2	1							36
569	Tue. on or aft. F. M.	7	6	3	1							55
570	1st Tuesday	34	36	27	10	1		1				152
571	3rd Wednesday	19	21	32	2	3		6				113
572	4th Thursday	41	53	62	1	30	2					269
573	3rd Monday	21	28	31	6	1	2					142
574	Thur. on or aft. F. M.	7	7	6	1	4						59
575	4th Thursday	23	25	27	10		2					110
576	1st Monday	23	26	25	3		1					131
577	1st Wednesday	46	72	72	2	1						185
578	3rd Monday	24	19	24	3		1					102
579	2nd Saturday	31	32	31	4	6		2				98
580	2nd Saturday	30	47	57	8	4						133
581	3rd Wednesday	1	2	3	2	1	1					41
582	3rd Wednesday	49	54	60	5	1						150
583	2nd Monday	24	28	31	15	1	1					128
584	1st Monday	7	17	16	9		1					59
585	4th Friday	8	7	9	2		2					49
586	1st Friday	44	43	41	23	8	1	1			1	156
587	2nd Wednesday	72	78	72	10							141
588	1st Tuesday	24	26	23	13							63
589	2nd Friday	28	25	20	32	2						114
590	1st Wednesday	17	17	13	14	1						81
591	4th Thursday	62	49	40	51							113
592	3rd Monday	42	39	35	30							72
593	4th Wednesday	66	53	45	105							171
594	2nd Monday	28	26	25	59							87
595	2nd Thursday	30	23	21	78							108
596	2nd Thursday	8	8	8	17		1					24
597	4th Friday	13	12	8	40		2					51
598	1st Wednesday	24	18	9	28							52
599	1st Wednesday	24	11		38		1					61
600	1st Friday	22	15	8	51	4	1					68
601	1st Saturday	28	24	21	65		1					92
602	3rd Tuesday	30	25	29	44		1					74
603	1st Tuesday	19	17	5	19							38
604	1st Monday	6	2	2	29							35
605	4th Saturday	13	10	6	27							40
606	4th Saturday	25	16	12	61							86
607	3rd Thursday	6	5	4	47							53
608	3rd Monday	13	8	6	48							61
609	Thur. on or aft. F. M.	4	1	1	18							22
610	4th Monday	40	34	33	35	2						73
611	3rd Monday	4	1		84							88
612	1st Friday	9	5		87							96
613	3rd Tuesday											
614	1st Thursday	2			43							45
615	1st Thursday	6			22							28
616	2nd Monday				25							25
617	2nd Friday				53							53

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618	Thunder Bay.....	Port Arthur.....	C. S. McComb.....	W. H. Matthews.....
619	Runnymede.....	Toronto.....	Alex. Chisholm.....	W. McK. Hamsbaw.....
610	Bay of Quinte.....	Toronto.....	Geo. A. Kingston.....	A. E. Jewett.....
U.O.	Frontenac.....	Sharbot Lake.....	M. R. Reid.....	Eugene Smith.....
U.O.	Lorne.....	Chapleau.....	D. C. Wilson.....	
U.O.	Doric.....	Kirkland Lake.....	F. W. Haynes.....	

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518	1st Thursday.....				30							30
519	4th Wednesday.....											
520	3rd Friday.....											
J.D.	Friday before F. M.....											
J.D.	2nd Wednesday.....											
J.D.	1st Thursday.....											
		6271	6370	6609	2630	1158	937	957			287	98036

P. O. ADDRESSES OF SECRETARIES

Special Addresses of Secretaries of Lodges in the Cities, and in other places where the Secretary's address is not the same as that of the Lodge.

No.	Lodge	Location	Secretary and P.O. Address
3	Ancient St. John's	Kingston	A. W. Cathcart, 454 Johnson St.
5	Sussex	Brockville	T. H. Guest, 374 King St. W.
6	Barton	Hamilton	G. H. F. Wheately, 16 Market Sq.
11	Moir	Belleville	Geo. Dulmage, 36 Hillside St.
15	St. George's	St. Catharines	A. N. Lindsay, 18 Queen St.
16	St. Andrew's	Toronto	J. D. Keachie, 66 Asquith Ave.
20	St. John's	London	Rich. Booth, 230 Wellington St.
22	King Solomon's	Toronto	Chas. T. Hoare, 307 Sunnyside Ave.
25	Ionic	Toronto	H. E. Ridout, Excelsior Life Bldg.
27	Strict Observance	Hamilton	H. W. Linton, 68 Barnesdale Ave. S.
40	St. John's	Hamilton	B. L. Simpson, 94 Delaware Ave.
42	St. George's	London	Jos. Vivian, 138 Elmwood Ave.
43	King Solomon's	Woodstock	A. W. Massie, 717 Rathbourne Ave.
44	St. Thomas	St. Thomas	F. W. Judd, 387 Talbot St.
45	Brant	Bramford	Geo. Whitwill, 149 Sheridan St.
47	Great Western	Windsor	John Fry, 522 Dougall Ave.
52	Dalhousie	Ottawa	H. W. Jackson, 25 Sparks St.
56	Victoria	Sarnia	H. W. Unsworth, 219 Mitton St. N.
57	Harmony	Binbrook	James D. Rose, Blackheath
58	Doric	Ottawa	J. A. Ross, Customs Dept.
61	Acacia	Hamilton	Chas. E. Kelly, 73 Melrose Ave.
64	Kilwinning	London	W. Lancaster, 15 Stanley St.
65	Rehoboam	Toronto	Geo. H. Mitchell, W.W. Dept., City Hall
72	Alma	Galt	A. J. Oliver, 45 James St.
74	St. James	S. Augusta	F. L. Bissell, Algonquin
75	St. John's	Toronto	O. T. Randall, 17 George St.
76	Oxford	Woodstock	J. W. Dutton, 687 Adelaide St.
77	Faithful Brethren	Lindsay	C. L. Davidson, 60 Kent St. E.
86	Wilson	Toronto	W. L. Lawer, 9 Hillcrest Ave.
88	St. George's	Owen Sound	John M. Campbell, 1166 Second Ave. W.
92	Cataraqui	Kingston	H. A. Graham, 382 Albert St.
101	Corinthian	Peterborough	R. F. Downey, 298 Boswell Ave.
103	Maple Leaf	St. Catharines	H. J. Johnston, Inland Revenue Dept.
105	St. Mark's	Niagara Falls	H. F. Garner, 209 Barker St.
121	Doric	Bramford	T. R. Logan, 33 Alfred St.
123	Belleville	Belleville	D. Barragar, 16 Holloway St.
139	Lebanon	Oshawa	H. A. Saunders, 112 William St. E.
144	Tecumseh	Stratford	F. S. Smith, 256 Downie St.
146	Prince of Wales	Newburg	Delbert Sexsmith, R.R. No. 1 Wilton
148	Civil Service	Ottawa	H. L. Lothrop, 331 James St.
149	Erie	Port Dover	J. C. King, R.R. No. 3, Simcoe
151	Grand River	Kitchener	P. Fisher, 11 Elgin St.
155	Peterborough	Peterborough	D. D. Brown, 400 George St.
156	York	Toronto	W. E. Holland, 415½ Wellesley St.
171	Prince of Wales	Lawrence Sta.	Robt. G. Little, R. R. No. 1, Iona Station
177	The Builders	Ottawa	H. H. Cairns, 409 Rideau St.
178	Plattsville	Plattsville	John Bristow, Bright
180	Speed	Guelph	Bard Whetstone, 50 Yorkshire St.
195	Tuscan	London	E. F. Waller, 145 Carling St.
203	Irving	Elora	R. D. Cardno, Salem
209a	St. John's	London	Edwin Smith, 207 Dundas St.
218	Stevenson	Toronto	H. C. H. Corneil, 328 Seaton St.
231	Lodge of Fidelity	Ottawa	Robt. Snaw, 255 Cooper St.
247	Ashlar	Toronto	W. H. Lyon, 156 Yonge St.
253	Minden	Kingston	R. S. Graham, 236 Albert St.
254	Clifton	Niagara Falls	S. D. Warren, 16 Huron St.
257	Galt	Galt	E. F. Hetherington, 50 Cedar St.
258	Guelph	Guelph	F. F. Sweetman, 394 Woolwich St.
264	Chaudiere	Ottawa	Henry Gates, 35 Third Av.
267	Parthenon	Chatham	J. G. Martin, 23 Charteris St.
270	Cedar	Oshawa	Thos. Hawkes, 224 Mary St.
272	Seymour	Ancaster	J. L. Pickard, R.R. No. 1.
287	Shuniah	Port Arthur	A. P. Freed, 129 Van Norman St.
296	Temple	St. Catharines	C. A. Brown, 150½ St. Paul St.
299	Victoria	Centreville	A. M. Bell, Moscow

302	St. David's	St. Thomas	W. H. Stapleton, 12 Drake St.
309	Morning Star	Carlow	R. D. Munro, Auburn
316	Doric	Toronto	Harry P. Reid, 384 Delaware Ave.
324	Temple	Hamilton	C. H. Cunningham, 17 Carriack Ave.
326	Zetland	Toronto	J. H. Landreth, 323 Brunswick Ave.
328	Ionic	Napier	W. T. Buchanan, R. R. No. 2, Kerwood
330	Corinthian	London	H. J. Childs, 500 Adelaide St. W.
332	Stratford	Stratford	E. Denroche, 185 Water St.
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339	Orient	Toronto	C. H. Grainger, 411 C. P. R. Bldg.
343	Georgina	Toronto	Geo. Thompson, 419 Brunswick Ave.
345	Nilestown	Nilestown	C. E. Jackson, R. R. No. 1 Wilton Grove
346	Occident	Toronto	Wm. M. Williams, 26 Blantyre Av.
361	Waverley	Guelph	W. Simpson, 30 Douglas St.
364	Dufferin	Melbourne	Geo. J. Stevenson, R. R. No. 4 Appin
367	St. George	Toronto	A. G. A. Nelson, 44 Mountview Ave.
369	Mimico	Lambton Mills	W. A. Beecroft, 64 Ellis Ave., Swansea
371	Prince of Wales	Ottawa	A. E. Revell, 28 Euclid Ave.
377	Lorne	Shelburne	Samuel Patterson, R. R. No. 5
378	King Solomon's	London	Wm. Nicholls, 175 Waincliffe Rd.
379	Middlesex	Bryanston	Alex. Grant, R. R. No. 4, Ilderton
380	Union	London	Jos. Ward, 97 Tecumseh Ave.
382	Doric	Hamilton	C. V. Emory, 91 Barnesdale Bvd.
384	Alpha	Toronto	E. J. Voss, 182 Galley Ave.
410	Zeta	Toronto	W. E. Robson, 179 Concord Ave.
415	Fort William	Fort William	C. E. Coombes, 228 N. Syndicate Av.
419	Liberty	Sarnia	W. J. Alcock, 189 Euphemia St.
426	Stanley	Toronto	Wm. Harris, 190 Osler Ave.
430	Acacia	Toronto	R. G. Allan, 2497 Danforth Ave.
434	Algonquin	Emsdale	Jas. Metcalfe, Katrine Sta.
437	Tuscan	Sarnia	W. J. Barrie, 170 N. Christina St.
438	Harmony	Toronto	Thos. Robinson, 190 Bingham Ave.
453	Royal	Fort William	F. C. Perry, 410 S. Vickers St.
459	Cobden	Cobden	H. Guest, R. R. No. 1 Forester's Falls
473	The Beaches	Toronto	S. J. Manchester, 70 Edgewood Ave.
474	Victoria	Toronto	W. E. Birrell, 272 Bay St.
480	Williamsburg	Williamsburg	J. A. Barclay, R. R. No. 1
481	Corinthian	Toronto	B. Hannigan, 17 Claude Ave.
494	Riverdale	Toronto	Jas. M. Malcolm, 742 Logan Ave.
495	Electric	Hamilton	W. F. Montague, Drawer 349.
496	University	Toronto	A. E. MacLean, 524 Mackham St.
499	Port Arthur	Port Arthur	A. Rome, 123 Prospect Ave.
500	Rose	Windsor	M. P. McMaster, 516 Ouellette Av.
501	Connaught	Mimico	Geo. S. Brown, 470 Euclid Ave., Toronto
508	Ozias	Brantford	F. W. Benedict, City Hall
509	Twin City	Kitchener	Geo. DeKleinbans, 195 Queen St. S.
510	Parkdale	Toronto	G. F. Buchanan, 15 Macdonell Ave.
511	Connaught	W. Fort William	Rev. A. J. Bruce, 1309 Edward St.
513	Corinthian	Hamilton	J. R. Croft, 104 Burris St.
514	St. Alban's	Toronto	Geo. T. Gardiner, 116 Empire Cres.
515	Reba	Brantford	D. E. Russell, 201 Colborne St.
517	Hazeldean	Hazeldean	J. R. McGuire, R. R. No. 1, Stitts- ville
519	Onondaga	Onondaga	Arthur Barton, R. R. No. 1, Cains- ville
520	Coronati	Toronto	J. T. Stephenson, 105 Gates Ave.
521	Ontario	Windsor	J. R. Thomson, Room 4, City Hall
522	Mt. Sinai	Toronto	C. E. Garrard, 53 Imperial Bank Building
523	Royal Arthur	Peterborough	G. W. Haley, 226 Brock St.
524	Mississauga	Port Credit	W. M. Gemmell, Lorne Park
525	Temple	Toronto	Chas. W. Long, 104 Fallis Ave.
526	Ionic	Westboro'	Thos. Saunders, Woodroffe
531	High Park	Toronto	R. B. Magill, 533 W. Marion St.
532	Canada	Toronto	J. E. Barker, 106 Withrow Ave.
533	Shamrock	Toronto	E. W. Leith, 84 Gothic Ave.
535	Phoenix	Pontheill	F. H. Clark, R. R. No. 2, Welland
537	Ulster	Toronto	Geo. Chambers, 50 Salisbury Ave.
539	Waterloo	Waterloo	C. O. Hemphill, 56 Park Av.

541	Tuscan.....	Toronto.....	S. J. Kackson, 897 Bloor St. W.
542	Metropolitan.....	Toronto.....	E. C. Wilson, 80 Alexandra Blvd.
543	Imperial.....	Toronto.....	Thos. McDonald, 87 Drayton Ave.
544	Lincoln.....	Abingdon.....	Ewart McEvoy, R.R. No. 2, Caistor Centre
545	John Ross Robertson.....	Toronto.....	W. J. S. Graham, 16 Herbert Ave.
546	Talbot.....	St. Thomas.....	W. A. McPherson, 25 Alma St.
547	Victory.....	Toronto.....	H. C. Tugwell, 73 Bay St.
548	General Mercer.....	Toronto.....	C. H. Dearden, 14 Juniper Ave.
549	Ionic.....	Hamilton.....	S. A. Wait, 103 Maple Ave.
550	Buchanan.....	Hamilton.....	J. A. Paterson, 81 Empress Ave.
551	Tuscan.....	Hamilton.....	T. W. Appleton, 296 Main St. E.
552	Queen City.....	Toronto.....	G. G. Spiacklin, 52 Garnock Ave.
553	Oakwood.....	Toronto.....	Wm. Hyndman, 107 Westmount A.
554	Border Cities.....	Windsor.....	E. T. Howe, 829 London St. W.
555	Wardrobe.....	Hamilton.....	A. E. Wilcox, 154 Hess St. S.
558	Sidney Albert Luke.....	Ottawa.....	W. E. Hayes, 329 James St.
559	Palestine.....	Toronto.....	Harry Melvin, 1403 Ossington Ave.
560	St. Andrew's.....	Ottawa.....	F. C. Baker, 226 Waverley St.
562	Hamilton.....	Hamilton.....	D. R. Gibson, 87 Sanford Ave. S.
563	Victory.....	Chatham.....	W. Scurr, 21 Hilliard St.
564	Ashlar.....	Ottawa.....	Wm. Short, 58 Creighton St.
565	Kilwinning.....	Toronto.....	Thos. Forsyth, 31 Lincoln Ave.
566	King Hiram.....	Toronto.....	I. G. Bruce, Box 114, Station "D"
567	St. Aidan's.....	Toronto.....	D. B. McCunn, 17 Balsam Road
570	Dufferin.....	Toronto.....	I. H. Burns, 256 Margueretta St.
571	Antiquity.....	Toronto.....	R. A. McDonald, 1626½ Gerrard E.
572	Mizpah.....	Toronto.....	Wm. Creasy, 320 Montrose Ave.
573	Adoniram.....	Niagara Falls.....	H. M. Little, 501 Victoria Ave.
575	Fidelity.....	Toronto.....	W. Moull, 11 Lindsay Ave.
576	Mimosa.....	Toronto.....	R. H. Reynolds, 419 Ontario St.
577	St. Clair.....	Toronto.....	P. Bach, 183 Grace St.
578	Queen's.....	Kingston.....	E. W. Skinner, 28 Garrett St.
579	Harmony.....	Windsor.....	W. H. Kent, 469 Lincoln Road, Walkerville
580	Acacia.....	London.....	J. W. Plewes, 784 Wellington St.
581	Harcourt.....	Toronto.....	W. E. Robertson, 93 Madison Ave.
582	Sunnyside.....	Toronto.....	Robt. T. Hogg, 71 Lindsay Ave.
583	Transportation.....	Toronto.....	Jas. G. Dunn, 310 St. Clarens Ave.
584	Kaministiquia.....	Fort William.....	S. C. Read, 307 S. Norah St.
585	Royal Edward.....	Kingston.....	W. J. Saunders, 124 Beverley St.
586	War Veterans.....	Toronto.....	J. A. Duncan, 16 Currie Ave.
587	Patricia.....	Toronto.....	W. T. Davidson, 379 Indian Grove
589	Grey.....	Toronto.....	J. W. Tucker, 33 Regal Road
590	Defenders.....	Ottawa.....	A. M. McCormick, 163 Laurier A. W.
591	North Gate.....	Toronto.....	A. W. Army, 48 Millwood Rd.
592	Fairbank.....	Toronto.....	Thos. G. Taylor, 1333 Lansdowne Ave.
593	St. Andrew's.....	Hamilton.....	F. W. Davidson, 52 Barnesdale Ave S
594	Hillcrest.....	Hamilton.....	J. O. Ironside, 30 East 25th St.
595	Rideau.....	Ottawa.....	A. C. Wiltshire, 49 Third Ave.
597	Temple.....	London.....	W. C. McArthur, 90 Thornton Ave.
598	Dominion.....	Windsor.....	D. A. Chater, 1 Royal Bank Bldg
599	Mount Dennis.....	Toronto.....	W. T. Roberts, 7 Hollis Ave., Mt. Dennis
600	Maple Leaf.....	Toronto.....	Wm. Moull, 11 Lindsay Ave.
601	St. Paul.....	Sarnia.....	J. F. Newton, 186 Front St. N.
602	Hugh Murray.....	Hamilton.....	J. H. Leach, 14 Cedar St.
604	Palace.....	Windsor.....	John A. McNab, 124 Quellerie Ave.
605	Melita.....	Toronto.....	Fred. C. Becker, 339½ Bathurst St.
606	Unity.....	Toronto.....	T. S. Evans, 1184 Bloor St. W.
607	Golden Fleece.....	Toronto.....	F. A. Beatty, 56 Stibbard Ave.
608	Gothic.....	Lindsay.....	W. R. Alley, 252 Kent St. W.
610	Ashlar.....	Byron.....	H. W. Thompson, Queen Alex. San. London
611	Huron-Bruce.....	Toronto.....	Wm. Proudfoot, Jr., 11 Whitney St
616	Perfection.....	St. Catharines.....	G. L. Sherk, 87 Queen St.
619	Runnymede.....	Toronto.....	W. McK. Hamshaw, 76 Glendale Ave.
620	Bay of Quinte.....	Toronto.....	A. E. Jewett, 466 Gladstone Ave.

LIST OF LODGES---BY DISTRICTS

ALGOMA DISTRICT—(14 Lodges) D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Hubert S. Galloway, Kenora

No. 287—Shuniah.....	Port Arthur	No. 461—Ionic.....	Rainy River
No. 414—Pequonga.....	Kenora	No. 484—Golden Star.....	Dryden
No. 415—Fort William.....	Fort William	No. 499—Port Arthur.....	Port Arthur
No. 417—Keewatin.....	Keewatin	No. 511—Connaught W. Fort William	Fort William
No. 445—Lake of the Woods....	Kenora	No. 518—Sioux Lookout Sioux L'kout	
No. 446—Granite.....	Fort Frances	No. 584—Kaministiquia Fort William	
No. 453—Royal.....	Fort William	No. 618—Thunder Bay Port Arthur	

BRANT DISTRICT—(14 Lodges) D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Charles S. Graham, Hagersville

No. 35—St. Johns.....	Cayuga	No. 243—St. George.....	St. George
No. 45—Brant.....	Brantford	No. 319—Hiram.....	Hagersville
No. 82—St. Johns.....	Paris	No. 329—King Solomon.....	Jarvis
No. 106—Burford.....	Burford	No. 505—Lynden.....	Lynden
No. 113—Wilson.....	Waterford	No. 508—Ozias.....	Brantford
No. 121—Doric.....	Brantford	No. 515—Reba.....	Brantford
No. 193—Scotland.....	Scotland	No. 519—Onondaga.....	Onondaga

BRUCE DISTRICT—(12 Lodges) D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. George Sirrs, Cargill

No. 131—St. Lawrence..	Southampton	No. 393—Forest.....	Chesley
No. 197—Saugeen.....	Walkerton	No. 396—Cedar.....	Warton
No. 235—Aldworth.....	Paisley	No. 429—Port Elgin.....	Port Elgin
No. 262—Harriston.....	Harriston	No. 431—Moravian.....	Cargill
No. 315—Clifford.....	Clifford	No. 432—Hanover.....	Hanover
No. 362—Maple Leaf.....	Tara	No. 436—Burns.....	Hepworth

CHATHAM DISTRICT—(14 Lodges) D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Angus Graham, Thamesville

No. 46—Wellington.....	Chatham	No. 327—Hammond.....	Wardsville
No. 245—Tecumseh.....	Thamesville	No. 336—Highgate.....	Highgate
No. 255—Sydenham.....	Dresden	No. 390—Florence.....	Florence
No. 267—Parthenon.....	Chatham	No. 391—Howard.....	Ridgetown
No. 274—Kent.....	Blenheim	No. 422—Star of the East.....	Bothwell
No. 282—Lorne.....	Glencoe	No. 457—Century.....	Merlin
No. 231—Pnyx.....	Wallaceburg	No. 563—Victory.....	Chatham

EASTERN DISTRICT—(18 Lodges) D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Charles F. Whittaker, Williamsburg

No. 21a—St. Johns.....	Vankleek Hill	No. 418—Maxville.....	Maxville
No. 125—Cornwall.....	Cornwall	No. 439—Alexandria.....	Alexandria
No. 142—Excelsior.....	Morrisburg	No. 450—Hawkesbury.....	Hawkesbury
No. 143—Friendly Brothers.....	Iroquois	No. 452—Avonmore.....	Avonmore
No. 186—Plantagenet.....	Riceville	No. 458—Wales.....	Wales
No. 207—Lancaster.....	Lancaster	No. 480—Williamsburg.....	Williamsburg
No. 256—Farran's Point.....	Aultsville	No. 491—Cardinal.....	Cardinal
No. 320—Chesterville.....	Chesterville	No. 557—Finch.....	Finch
No. 383—Henderson.....	Winchester	No. 596—Martintown.....	Martintown

FRONTENAC DISTRICT—(18 Lodges) D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. John G. Fennell, Napanee

No. 3—Ancient St. Johns.....	Kingston	No. 253—Minden.....	Kingston
No. 9—Union.....	Napanee	No. 299—Victoria.....	Centreville
No. 92—Cataract.....	Kingston	No. 404—Lorne.....	Tamworth
No. 109—Albion.....	Harrowsmith	No. 441—Westport.....	Westport
No. 119—Maple Leaf.....	Bath	No. 460—Rideau.....	Seeley's Bay
No. 146—Prince of Wales.....	Newburgh	No. 497—St. Andrew's.....	Arden
No. 157—Simpson.....	Newboro	No. 578—Queen's.....	Kingston
No. 201—Leeds.....	Gananoque	No. 585—Royal Edward.....	Kingston
No. 228—Prince Arthur.....	Odessa	U.D.—Frontenac.....	Sharbot Lake

GEORGIAN DISTRICT—(19 Lodges)**D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Walter N. Duff, Barrie**

No. 90—Manito.....Collingwood	No. 304—Minerva.....Stroud
No. 96—Corinthian.....Barrie	No. 348—Georgian.....Penetanguishene
No. 137—Pythagoras.....Meaford	No. 385—Spry.....Beeton
No. 192—Orillia.....Orillia	No. 441—Nitetis.....Creemore
No. 239—Kerr.....Barrie	No. 466—Coronation.....Elmvale
No. 234—Beaver.....Clarksburg	No. 467—Tottenham.....Tottenham
No. 236—Manitoba.....Cookstown	No. 470—Victoria.....Victoria Harbour
No. 249—Caledonian.....Midland	No. 492—Karnak.....Coldwater
No. 266—Northern Light.....Stayner	No. 538—Earl Kitchener. Pt. McNicol
No. 285—Seven Star.....Alliston	

GREY DISTRICT—(12 Lodges)**D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. William G. Blackwell, Dundalk**

No. 88—St. George's.....Owen Sound	No. 333—Prince Arthur.....Flesherton
No. 200—St. Alban's.....Mount Forest	No. 334—Prince Arthur.....Arthur
No. 216—Harris.....Orangeville	No. 377—Lorne.....Shelburne
No. 271—Wellington.....Erin	No. 421—Scott.....Grand Valley
No. 306—Durham.....Durham	No. 449—Dundalk.....Dundalk
No. 322—North Star.....Owen Sound	No. 490—Hiram.....Markdale

HAMILTON DISTRICT A—(16 Lodges)**D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. John M. MacKenzie, Milton**

No. 6—Barton.....Hamilton	No. 357—Waterdown.....Millgrove
No. 40—St. Johns.....Hamilton	No. 400—Oakville.....Oakville
No. 100—Valley.....Dundas	No. 475—Dundurn.....Hamilton
No. 135—St. Clair.....Milton	No. 513—Corinthian.....Hamilton
No. 165—Burlington.....Burlington	No. 551—Tuscan.....Hamilton
No. 272—Seymour.....Ancaster	No. 562—Hamilton.....Hamilton
No. 291—Dufferin.....W. Flamboro	No. 602—Hugh Murray.....Hamilton
No. 324—Temple.....Hamilton	No. 603—Campbell.....Campbellville

HAMILTON DISTRICT B—(15 Lodges)**D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Erland Lee, Stoney Creek**

No. 7—Union.....Grimsby	No. 495—Electric.....Hamilton
No. 27—Strict Observance Hamilton	No. 544—Lincoln.....Abingdon
No. 57—Harmony.....Binbrook	No. 549—Ionic.....Hamilton
No. 61—Acacia.....Hamilton	No. 550—Buchanan.....Hamilton
No. 62—St. Andrews.....Caledonia	No. 555—Wardrope.....Hamilton
No. 166—Wentworth.....Stoney Creek	No. 593—St. Andrews.....Hamilton
No. 185—Enniskillen.....York	No. 594—Hillcrest.....Hamilton
No. 382—Doric.....Hamilton	

LONDON DISTRICT—(23 Lodges)**D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Thomas H. Martin, Denfield**

No. 20—St. Johns'.....London	No. 358—Delaware Valley.....Delaware
No. 42—St. George's.....London	No. 378—King Solomon's.....London
No. 64—Kilwinning.....London	No. 379—Middlesex.....Bryanston
No. 107—St. Paul's.....Lambeth	No. 380—Union.....London
No. 190—Belmont.....Belmont	No. 388—Henderson.....Ilderton
No. 195—Tuscan.....London	No. 394—King Solomon.....Thamesford
No. 209a—St. John's.....London	No. 399—Moffat.....Harrietsville
No. 289—Doric.....Lobo	No. 529—Myra.....Komoka
No. 300—Mount Olivet.....Thorndale	No. 580—Acacia.....London
No. 330—Corinthian.....London	No. 597—Temple.....London
No. 344—Merrill.....Dorchester Sta.	No. 610—Ashlar.....Byron
No. 345—Nilestown.....Nilestown	

MUSKOKA DISTRICT—(8 Lodges)**D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. A. W. Freeland, Emsdale**

No. 352—Granite.....Parry Sound	No. 423—Strong.....Sundridge
No. 360—Muskoka.....Bracebridge	No. 434—Algonquin.....Elsmdale
No. 376—Unity.....Huntsville	No. 443—Powassan.....Powassan
No. 409—Golden Rule.....Cravenhurst	No. 454—Corona.....Burk's Falls

NIAGARA DISTRICT—(24 Lodges)**D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Arthur B. Damude, Fonthill**

No. 2—Niagara.....Niagara	No. 337—Myrtle.....Port Robinson
No. 15—St. George's St. Catharines	No. 338—Dufferin.....Wellandport
No. 32—Amity.....Dunnville	No. 372—Palmer.....Bridgeburg
No. 103—Maple Leaf St. Catharines	No. 373—Copestone.....Welland
No. 105—St. Marks.....Niagara Falls	No. 471—King Edward VII Chippawa
No. 115—Ivy.....Beamsville	No. 502—Coronation.....Smithville
No. 168—Merritt.....Welland	No. 535—Phoenix.....Fonthill
No. 169—Maenab.....Pt. Colborne	No. 573—Adoniram.....Niagara Falls
No. 221—Mountain.....Thorold	No. 613—Fort Erie.....Fort Erie
No. 254—Clifton.....Niagara Falls	No. 614—Adanac.....Merritton
No. 277—Seymour.....Port Dalhousie	No. 615—Dominion.....Ridgeway
No. 296—Temple.....St. Catharines	No. 616—Perfection.....St. Catharines

NIPISSING DISTRICT—(15 Lodges)**D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. W. A. Simpson, Sault Ste. Marie**

No. 405—Mattawa.....Mattawa	No. 472—Gore Bay.....Gore Bay
No. 412—Keystone.....Sault Ste. Marie	No. 487—Penewobikong.....Blind River
No. 420—Nipissing.....North Bay	No. 527—Espanola.....Espanola
No. 427—Nickel.....Sudbury	No. 536—Algonquin.....Copper Cliff
No. 442—Dymont.....Thessalon	No. 588—National.....Capreol
No. 447—Sturgeon Fa. Sturgeon Falls	No. 617—North Bay.....North Bay
No. 455—Doric.....Little Current	U.D.—Lorne.....Chapleau
No. 469—Algoma.....Sault Ste. Marie	

NORTH HURON DISTRICT—(12 Lodges)**D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Samuel Wilton, Brussels**

No. 93—Northern Light..Kincardine	No. 286—Wingham.....Wingham
No. 162—Forest.....Wroxeter	No. 303—Blyth.....Blyth
No. 184—Old Light.....Lucknow	No. 314—Blair.....Palmerston
No. 225—Bernard.....Listowel	No. 331—Fordwich.....Fordwich
No. 276—Teeswater.....Teeswater	No. 341—Bruce.....Tiverton
No. 284—St. Johns.....Brussels	No. 568—Hullett.....Londesboro

ONTARIO DISTRICT—(12 Lodges)**D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Ernest J. Wormington, Cobourg**

No. 17—St. John's.....Cobourg	No. 91—Colborne.....Colborne
No. 26—Ontario.....Port Hope	No. 114—Hope.....Port Hope
No. 30—Composite.....Whitby	No. 139—Lebanon.....Oshawa
No. 31—Jerusalem.....Bowmanville	No. 270—Cedar.....Oshawa
No. 39—Mount Zion.....Brooklin	No. 325—Orono.....Orono
No. 66—Durham.....Newcastle	No. 428—Fidelity.....Port Perry

OTTAWA DISTRICT—(27 Lodges)**D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Thomas S. Church, Arnprior**

No. 52—Dalhousie.....Ottawa	No. 459—Cobden.....Cobden
No. 58—Doric.....Ottawa	No. 465—Carleton.....Carp
No. 63—St. John's.....Carleton Place	No. 476—Corinthian.....North Gower
No. 122—Renfrew.....Renfrew	No. 479—Russell.....Russell
No. 128—Pembroke.....Pembroke	No. 516—Enterprise.....Beachburg
No. 147—Mississippi.....Almonte	No. 517—Hazeldean.....Hazeldean
No. 148—Civil Service.....Ottawa	No. 526—Ionic.....Westboro
No. 159—Goodwood.....Richmond	No. 558—Sidney Albert Luke Ottawa
No. 177—The Builders.....Ottawa	No. 560—St. Andrew's.....Ottawa
No. 196—Madawaska.....Arnprior	No. 561—Acacia.....Westboro
No. 231—Lodge of Fidelity.....Ottawa	No. 564—Ashlar.....Ottawa
No. 264—Chaudiere.....Ottawa	No. 590—Defenders.....Ottawa
No. 371—Prince of Wales.....Ottawa	No. 595—Rideau.....Ottawa
No. 433—Bonnehochere.....Eganville	

PETERBOROUGH DISTRICT—(10 Lodges)**D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Frank C. Bonnycastle, Campbellford**

No. 101—Corinthian.....Peterborough	No. 223—Norwood.....Norwood
No. 126—Golden Rule.....Campbellford	No. 313—Clementi.....Lakefield
No. 145—J. B. Hall.....Millbrook	No. 374—Keene.....Keene
No. 155—Peterborough.....Peterborough	No. 435—Havelock.....Havelock
No. 161—Percy.....Warkworth	No. 523—Royal Arthur Peterborough

PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT—(16 Lodges)**D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Thomas E. Laycock, Marmora**

No. 11—Moira.....	Belleville	No. 127—Franck.....	Frankford
No. 18—Prince Edward.....	Pictou	No. 164—Star in the East.....	Wellington
No. 29—United.....	Brighton	No. 215—Lake.....	Ameliasburg
No. 38—Trent.....	Trenton	No. 222—Marmora.....	Marmora
No. 48—Madoc.....	Madoc	No. 239—Tweed.....	Tweed
No. 50—Consecon.....	Consecon	No. 283—Eureka.....	Belleville
No. 69—Stirling.....	Stirling	No. 401—Craig.....	Deseronto
No. 123—Belleville.....	Belleville	No. 482—Bancroft.....	Bancroft

SARNIA DISTRICT,—(21 Lodges)**D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. A. D. Armstrong, Brigen**

No. 56—Victoria.....	Sarnia	No. 307—Arkona.....	Arkona
No. 81—St. Johns.....	Mount Brydges	No. 323—Alvinston.....	Alvinston
No. 83—Beaver.....	Strathroy	No. 328—Ionic.....	Napier
No. 116—Cassia.....	Thedford	No. 392—Huron.....	Camlachie
No. 153—Burns.....	Wyoming	No. 397—Leopold.....	Brigen
No. 158—Alexandra.....	Oil Springs	No. 419—Liberty.....	Sarnia
No. 194—Petrolia.....	Petrolia	No. 425—St. Clair.....	Sarnia
No. 238—Havelock.....	Watford	No. 437—Tuscan.....	Sarnia
No. 260—Washington.....	Petrolia	No. 503—Inwood.....	Inwood
No. 263—Forest.....	Forest	No. 601—St. Paul.....	Sarnia
No. 294—Moore.....	Courtright		

SOUTH HURON DISTRICT—(18 Lodges)**D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. John Stevenson, Stratford**

No. 33—Maitland.....	Goderich	No. 233—Doric.....	Parkhill
No. 73—St. James.....	St. Mary's	No. 309—Morning Star.....	Carlow
No. 84—Clinton.....	Clinton	No. 332—Stratford.....	Stratford
No. 133—Lebanon Forest.....	Exeter	No. 456—Elma.....	Monkton
No. 141—Tudor.....	Mitchell	No. 478—Milverton.....	Milverton
No. 144—Tecumseh.....	Stratford	No. 483—Granton.....	Granton
No. 154—Irving.....	Lucan	No. 493—St. Mary's.....	St. Mary's
No. 170—Britannia.....	Seaforth	No. 574—Craig.....	Ailsa Craig
No. 224—Zurich.....	Hensall	No. 609—Tavistock.....	Tavistock

ST. LAWRENCE DISTRICT—(18 Lodges)**D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Fred Bellamy, Brockville**

No. 5—Sussex.....	Brockville	No. 242—Macoy.....	Mallorytown
No. 14—True Britons.....	Perth	No. 368—Salem.....	Brockville
No. 24—St. Francis.....	Smith's Falls	No. 370—Harmony.....	Delta
No. 28—Mount Zion.....	Kemptville	No. 387—Lansdowne.....	Lansdowne
No. 55—Merrickville.....	Merrickville	No. 389—Crystal F'tain N. Augusta	
No. 74—St. James.....	South Augusta	No. 416—Lyn.....	Lyn
No. 85—Rising Sun.....	Athens	No. 489—Osiris.....	Smith's Falls
No. 110—Central.....	Prescott	No. 504—Otter.....	Lombardy
No. 209—Evergreen.....	Lanark	No. 556—Nation.....	Spencerville

ST. THOMAS DISTRICT—(13 Lodges)**D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Thomas L. Cochrane, St. Thomas**

No. 44—St. Thomas.....	St. Thomas	No. 237—Vienna.....	Vienna
No. 94—St. Marks.....	Port Stanley	No. 302—St. Davids.....	St. Thomas
No. 120—Warren.....	Fingal	No. 364—Duffrin.....	Melbourne
No. 140—Malahide.....	Aylmer	No. 386—McColl.....	West Lorne
No. 171—Prince of Wales, Lawrence St.		No. 411—Rodney.....	Rodney
No. 181—Oriental.....	Port Burwell	No. 546—Talbot.....	St. Thomas
No. 232—Cameron.....	Dutton		

TEMISKAMING DISTRICT—(10 Lodges)**D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. James Paterson, Englehart**

No. 462—Temiskaming New Liskeard		No. 528—Golden Beaver.....	Timmins
No. 485—Haileybury.....	Haileybury	No. 530—Cochrane.....	Cochrane
No. 486—Silver.....	Cobalt	No. 534—Englehart.....	Englehart
No. 506—Porcupine.....	Porcupine	No. 540—Abitibi.....	Iroquois Falls
No. 507—Elk Lake.....	Elk Lake	U.D.—Doric.....	Kirkland Lake

TORONTO DISTRICT A—(24 Lodges)**D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Francis G. I. Whetter, Toronto**

No. 229—Ionic.....	Brampton	No. 531—High Park.....	Toronto
No. 305—Humber.....	Weston	No. 548—General Mercer.....	Toronto
No. 346—Occident.....	Toronto	No. 565—Kilwinning.....	Toronto
No. 356—River Park.....	Streetsville	No. 566—King Hiram.....	Toronto
No. 369—Mimico.....	Lambton Mills	No. 575—Fidelity.....	Toronto
No. 426—Stanley.....	Toronto	No. 582—Sunnyside.....	Toronto
No. 474—Victoria.....	Toronto	No. 583—Transportation.....	Toronto
No. 501—Connaught.....	Mimico	No. 587—Patricia.....	Toronto
No. 510—Parkdale.....	Toronto	No. 599—Mt. Dennis.....	Toronto
No. 522—Mt. Sinai.....	Toronto	No. 600—Maple Leaf.....	Toronto
No. 524—Mississauga.....	Port Credit	No. 605—Melita.....	Toronto
No. 525—Temple.....	Toronto	No. 619—Runnymede.....	Toronto

TORONTO DISTRICT B—(26 Lodges)**D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Richard J. Shier, Sunderland**

No. 16—St. Andrews.....	Toronto	No. 430—Acacia.....	Toronto
No. 25—Ionic.....	Toronto	No. 464—King Edward.....	Sunderland
No. 75—St. John's.....	Toronto	No. 473—Beaches.....	Toronto
No. 87—Markham Union.....	Markham	No. 494—Riverdale.....	Toronto
No. 136—Richardson.....	Stouffville	No. 520—Cronati.....	Toronto
No. 218—Stevenson.....	Toronto	No. 532—Canada.....	Toronto
No. 220—Zeredatha.....	Uxbridge	No. 543—Imperial.....	Toronto
No. 269—Brougham Union.....	Claremont	No. 545—Jno Ross Robertson.....	Toronto
No. 316—Doric.....	Toronto	No. 552—Queen City.....	Toronto
No. 339—Orient.....	Toronto	No. 567—St. Aidans.....	Toronto
No. 343—Georgina.....	Toronto	No. 576—Mimosa.....	Toronto
No. 354—Brock.....	Cannington	No. 612—Birch Cliff.....	Birch Cliff
No. 424—Doric.....	Pickering	No. 620—Bay of Quinte.....	Toronto

TORONTO DISTRICT C—(23 Lodges)**D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. A. L. Tinker, Toronto**

No. 22—King Solomon.....	Toronto	No. 438—Harmony.....	Toronto
No. 23—Richmond.....	Richmond Hill	No. 481—Corinthian.....	Toronto
No. 65—Rehoboam.....	Toronto	No. 512—Malone.....	Sutton
No. 79—Simcoe.....	Bradford	No. 542—Metropolitan.....	Toronto
No. 86—Wilson.....	Toronto	No. 553—Oakwood.....	Toronto
No. 97—Sharon.....	Queensville	No. 577—St. Clair.....	Toronto
No. 99—Tuscan.....	Newmarket	No. 581—Harcourt.....	Toronto
No. 129—Rising Sun.....	Aurora	No. 591—North Gate.....	Toronto
No. 156—York.....	Toronto	No. 592—Fairbank.....	Toronto
No. 247—Ashlar.....	Toronto	No. 606—Unity.....	Toronto
No. 265—Patterson.....	Thornhill	No. 607—Golden Fleece.....	Toronto
No. 326—Zetland.....	Toronto		

TORONTO DISTRICT D—(22 Lodges)**D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Charles G. Anderson, Toronto**

No. 54—Vaughan.....	Maple	No. 533—Shamrock.....	Toronto
No. 98—True Blue.....	Bolton	No. 537—Ulster.....	Toronto
No. 118—Union.....	Schomberg	No. 541—Tuscan.....	Toronto
No. 292—Robertson.....	King	No. 547—Victory.....	Toronto
No. 311—Blackwood.....	Woodbridge	No. 559—Palestine.....	Toronto
No. 367—St. George.....	Toronto	No. 570—Dufferin.....	Toronto
No. 384—Alpha.....	Toronto	No. 571—Antiquity.....	Toronto
No. 410—Zeta.....	Toronto	No. 572—Mizpah.....	Toronto
No. 468—Peel.....	Caledon East	No. 586—War Veterans.....	Toronto
No. 496—University.....	Toronto	No. 589—Grey.....	Toronto
No. 514—St. Alban's.....	Toronto	No. 611—Huron-Bruce.....	Toronto

VICTORIA DISTRICT—(12 Lodges)**D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. William T. E. Jobe, Kirkfield**

No. 77—Faithful Brethren.....	Lindsay	No. 440—Arcadia.....	Minden
No. 268—Verulam.....	Bobcaygeon	No. 451—Somerville.....	Kinmount
No. 375—Lorne.....	Omeme	No. 463—North Entrance.....	Haliburton
No. 398—Victoria.....	Kirkfield	No. 477—Harding.....	Woodville
No. 406—Spry.....	Fenelon Falls	No. 498—King George V.....	Coboconk
No. 408—Murray.....	Beaverton	No. 608—Gothic.....	Lindsay

WELLINGTON DISTRICT—(18 Lodges)**D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Martin Schiedel, Kitchener**

No. 72—Alma.....	Galt	No. 279—New Hope.....	Hespeler
No. 151—Grand River.....	Kitchener	No. 295—Conestogo.....	Drayton
No. 172—Ayr.....	Ayr	No. 297—Preston.....	Preston
No. 180—Speed.....	Guelph	No. 318—Wilmot.....	Baden
No. 203—Irvine.....	Elora	No. 321—Walker.....	Acton
No. 205—New Dom'on, NewHamburg		No. 347—Mercer.....	Fergus
No. 219—Credit.....	Georgetown	No. 361—Waverley.....	Guelph
No. 257—Galt.....	Galt	No. 509—Twin City.....	Kitchener
No. 258—Guelph.....	Guelph	No. 539—Waterloo.....	Waterloo

WILSON DISTRICT—(17 Lodges)**D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Edward W. Moles, Norwich**

No. 10—Norfolk.....	Simcoe	No. 174—Walsingham.....	Port Rowan
No. 37—King Hiram.....	Ingersoll	No. 178—Plattsville.....	Plattsville
No. 43—King Solomon's.....	Woodstock	No. 217—Frederick.....	Delhi
No. 68—St. John's.....	Ingersoll	No. 250—Thistle.....	Embro
No. 76—Oxford.....	Woodstock	No. 259—Springfield.....	Springfield
No. 78—King Hiram.....	Tillsonburg	No. 261—Oak Branch.....	Innerkip
No. 104—St. John's.....	Norwich	No. 359—Vittoria.....	Vittoria
No. 108—Blenheim.....	Princeton	No. 569—Doric.....	Lakeside
No. 149—Erie.....	Port Dover		

WINDSOR DISTRICT—(16 Lodges)**D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Andrew H. Dalziel, Windsor**

No. 34—Thistle.....	Amherstburg	No. 448—Xenophon.....	Wheatley
No. 41—St. George.....	Kingsville	No. 488—King Edward.....	Harrow
No. 47—Great Western.....	Windsor	No. 500—Rose.....	Windsor
No. 290—Leamington.....	Leamington	No. 521—Ontario.....	Windsor
No. 395—Parvaim.....	Comber	No. 554—Border Cities.....	Windsor
No. 402—Central.....	Essex	No. 579—Harmony.....	Windsor
No. 403—Windsor.....	Windsor	No. 598—Dominion.....	Windsor
No. 413—Naphtali.....	Tilbury	No. 604—Palace.....	Windsor

RECAPITULATION

Algoma District.....	14 Lodges
Brant District.....	14 Lodges
Bruce District.....	12 Lodges
Chatham District.....	14 Lodges
Eastern District.....	18 Lodges
Frontenac District.....	18 Lodges
Georgian District.....	19 Lodges
Grey District.....	12 Lodges
Hamilton A District.....	16 Lodges
Hamilton B District.....	15 Lodges
London.....	23 Lodges
Muskoka District.....	8 Lodges
Niagara District.....	24 Lodges
Nipissing District.....	15 Lodges
North Huron District.....	12 Lodges
Ontario District.....	12 Lodges
Ottawa District.....	27 Lodges
Peterborough District.....	10 Lodges
Prince Edward District.....	16 Lodges
Sarnia District.....	21 Lodges
South Huron District.....	18 Lodges
St. Lawrence District.....	18 Lodges
St. Thomas.....	13 Lodges
Temiskaming District.....	10 Lodges
Toronto A District.....	24 Lodges
Toronto B District.....	26 Lodges
Toronto C District.....	23 Lodges
Toronto D District.....	22 Lodges
Victoria District.....	12 Lodges
Wellington District.....	18 Lodges
Wilson District.....	17 Lodges
Windsor District.....	16 Lodges

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- 5—N. Dawson, C. J. Archer, C. W. Anderson, P. Ferguson, J. L. Publow.
 6—J. S. Boddy, H. A. Horning, J. M. Jones. 9—C. D. Eyvel, H. B. Young, J. W. Russell, F. B. Sharp. 10—W. F. Olds. 11—H. E. Brintnell, J. A. Henderson, L. Love, P. McDavitt, J. W. Thompson, E. G. Young. 15—G. F. Maisley, D. S. McLaren, W. Smith. 16—E. W. Boake, D. C. Hossack, R. Adkin, R. Clarke, J. M. Watson, F. H. Wekley, M. G. Fieldhouse, N. MacDonald, L. B. Morton, J. G. Harris, S. Hølems, A. F. Fro. 18—J. E. Benson, C. Lobb, D. H. Fraser, E. M. Pickering. 20—B. M. Currie, P. Hoffman, E. G. S. Phillips, D. Soper, A. Tolmie, G. E. Walker. 22—J. H. Conlan, A. E. Mandy, T. J. Ward, A. Hutchinson, H. E. Robins, J. A. Cogle, C. S. Quarrington, F. G. Grant. 24—W. H. Stinson. 25—F. A. Sutherland. 27—J. E. Frid, N. V. Hansplant, J. H. McDougall, A. C. Nicholls, M. F. Spencer, A. F. Butson, R. S. Boothman, B. Clendenning, E. Charlton, J. Poole, A. Brickman, J. C. Hartt, A. E. Ross, J. B. H. Smith. 28—W. W. Wallace, J. McEwan, R. T. Redmond. 29—M. S. Arthur, R. O. Miller, E. C. Chapman, C. 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Shaw. 394—W. F. Kennedy, E. J. Hoskin. 401—G. W. Turner, B. M. Anderson, A. A. Acton, H. E. Dyer, P. J. Johnston, J. K. Knowles, E. W. Rathbun, D. Smith, J. R. Stainton, P. B. Whitley. 403—H. W. Acason, A. B. Charlton, H. C. Ryckman, P. H. Roberts, J. S. T. Walker, G. H. Wilkinson, F. E. Foster, J. N. Charles, W. Dix, D. S. Gregory, W. H. Hines, J. C. Johnston, P. C. Love, W. E. Levy, R. Rankin, Jr., H. B. Smith, A. A. Selby, H. V. H. Windover. 404—W. J. Paul. 405—G. Purdy, A. E. Way, W. E. Blue, J. J. Hill. 410—H. C. Durgin, J. H. Gardiner, C. Miller, J. R. Chelew, V. G. Gwatkin, A. A. Hartley, R. H. Bergh, L. V. Blankman, D. R. Darrach. 412—J. R. Watson, J. C. Masson, C. R. Boyd, D. Hogarth, A. R. McLeod. 415—G. L. Cochran. 418—A. McPhadden, N. McLeod. 419—J. Trumble. 420—W. Williamson, W. J. Hudson. 424—J. H. Kayes, J. Gormley, F. Stover. 425—J. McBeth, C. H. Smith. 426—H. Baker, C. W. Plow, F. H. Wallace, J. G. Wilson. 427—W. G. Gillespie, J. A. Wilson. 428—S. J. Mellow, R. M. 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Shirley. 451—J. J. Cain, R. C. Hopkins. 452—E. C. Warner, D. C. McIntyre, R. G. Myers. 453—J. L. Davidson. 455—W. M. Hay, J. Brooks, W. A. Deadman, D. Sadowski, C. S. Wright, J. T. Ferguson. 459—J. C. Burgess, J. A. P. Hayden, A. Haughland, C. M. Peeve, J. E. Waddington. 461—C. S. Clarke, G. C. Russell, H. Walton, E. A. Turnbull, S. T. Atkinson, R. W. Taylor. 463—W. Croft. 466—H. C. Retchie. 467—F. T. Strangsway. 469—J. C. Stroyan, J. C. Noble, R. G. Foster. 473—W. E. G. Brown, J. Redman. 474—E. Thompson G. Ahlgren, J. Manning, A. H. Richardson, W. A. Sutton, W. T. Woody, G. N. Duffy, J. A. Bailey. 478—W. L. Vail, E. C. A. Crawford. 484—W. L. Alexander, H. M. Bowen, G. F. Carruthers, W. S. Charlesworth, J. E. Cole, A. P. Miller, O. House. 486—C. M. Ross, J. Nartleman, J. T. Shaw, I. S. McReavy. 487—T. O. Hutton, C. Dalrymple. 488—H. C. Arner. 489—W. J. Fraser. 494—T. L. Hutchisson, M. M. MacDonald, W. E. C. McCarthy, W. J. Telford, W. F. E. Brown, L. T. Clement, S. Hackett, J. A. Grahamslaw. 495—S. Merritt, C. Cowan, W. Pease, J. C. Stout, W. F. Gay, W. Brown, O. Miles, S. R. Weaver. 499—H. Austin, J. J. Carrick, J. W. Mace, F. Tudker, F. C. Shipp, O. H. Skeels. 500—A. E. McGraw, E. C. Williams. 501—J. M. Henry. 503—J. A. Warren. 505—G. N. Harris, N. Holden. 507—C. M. Ross, W. G. Adams, A. R. McClure, M. Simpson, W. R. MacFarlane. 508—D. W. Mason, W. Oliver. 509—C. E. Beekman. 510—W. J. Fletcher. 512—W. Barnum. 513—S. N. Lovett. 514—J. Hutcheson, J. R. Bloomfield, S. V. Wilson, W. J. Fussell, A. G. Milton, G. T. Williams, A. E. Trempe, W. D. Garnwood, J. L. Chamber, P. G. Davies, C. E. Stacey, A. Heald, S. W. Windeler, W. C. Fields, G. F. Elliott, H. W. Reid, M. G. Dunn, T. Borrow, R. P. MacDonald. 515—C. G. Dunlop, E. S. Allen, W. R. Hilton. 516—W. G. Fisher, J. Bennie, S. E. Beaupric, A. Gerdali (U.M.C.). 520—F. H. Wehrley, A. Brown. 524—C. E. Cotton, J. H. Dickie. 525—R. J. Roberts, S. P. Stratton. 526—H. Sootheran, T. G. H. Ashley, E. R. Williams, V. H. Craig. 528—A. B. Thomas, G. G. Martin, J. G. Johnson. 530—S. L. Smith, J. Bryant. 531—G. A. Wallis, A. C. Munns, A. Parke, R. Pinchin, J. F. Bettens, S. L. Fowles, C. Foot, W. H. Finley. 532—J. C. Littell, W. G. Barrett, R. V. Blod, W. Creech, F. C. Frankland, W. Graham, W. F. A. Hillier, L. A. Secord, A. Thomson. 534—A. J. Chambers. 536—D. C. Wilder. 538—G. D. Adams. 540—R. W. McKenzie, W. Hargreaves. 541—C. F. Harraden, G. F. Hibbard, C. V. Osbourne, A. E. Robshaw. 534—W. K. Brandon, J. D. Robinson. 545—W. R. Campbell, E. Green, W. F. King, A. F. McLachlan, D. C. McKnight, G. C. Thompson, S. R. Vance. 546—C. J. McDonald. 548—G. H. Abel. 551—R. Wright, R. Bigrigg, A. Watts. 553—J. Stewart. 557—E. H. Marcellus, T. N. Marcellus, 560—J. A. MacDonald, J. E. Williams. 563—P. B. Whiteley. 565—J. MacDonald. 570—S. Still. 571—A. R. Jordan, W. G. Hinton, W. G. McGregor, B. E. Neiger, L. F. Dalghren, F. C. Shipp. 579—H. C. Siebert, C. H. Strickland. 586—C. M. Stock.

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43—R. A. Scott. 75—P. W. McCaffery. 287—J. W. Armstrong —330 E A McMullen 346—W H Lowe. 482—T. Prosser. 532—J. C. Little.

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40—J. E. Hardy. 52—G. J. Artz.

DEATHS, 1922

3—W. B. Dalton, Jan. 18; A. Shaw, May 3. 5—J. Guthrie, Jan. 7; H. Marston, Apr. 6; W. Shearer, May 24; E. E. Ingle, July 22; R. Picken, Dec. 8; J. H. Shaver, Dec. 27. 6—J. Milne, Mar. 22; J. M. Smith, Apr. 10; J. M. Harris, June 5; G. J. Williams, July 11; J. Allan, July 21; A. A. Taylor, Aug. 4; R. C. Fearman, Aug. 8; B. E. Oldfield, Sept. 14. 7—J. W. Duval, Jan. 25; H. H. Marsh, Jan. 27; E. Wilson, Apr. 20; W. B. Calder, Apr. 26; C. M. S. Mabey, Dec. 21. 9—H. W. Kelly, Feb. 25; T. W. Simpson, Mar. 15; F. E. VanLuvén, Sept. 25. 10—R. S. McGill, June 12; L. H. Atkinson, Feb. 21. 11—A. A. Johnston, Mar. 11; P. C. Jones, May 22; D. V. Sinclair, Aug. 20. 14—S. W. Hall, May 15; J. Griffin, Aug. 12; J. A. Stewart, Oct. 7. 15—C. M. Bowery, Nov. 20, 1921; W. E. Burgess, Mar. 13; F. H. Armstrong, Feb. 3; W. B. Towers, June 9; C. G. McDermott, Dec. 18; J. T. Petrie, Nov. 4; W. Walker, Nov. 20; W. R. Rawlings, Aug. 29. 16—H. W. Burnett, Jan. 29; J. F. MacFarlane, Mar. 24; C. F. Tugman, June 12; G. J. Mason, July 29; J. W. Norman, Aug. 23; A. A. Allan, Sept. 1; W. A. Child, Sept. 28; D. Carlyle, Oct. 18; T. A. Cain, Nov. —; W. Rea, Nov. 12; J. J. Evans, Dec. 16. 17—D. Robertson, Mar. 12; J. P. Field, May 21; W. Pratt, Sept. 20; R. J. Craig, July 15. 18—L. Smith, Feb. 3; H. U. Tobey, Mar. 29; W. A. Williamson, Sept. 24. 20—H. Hossman, Feb. 2; M. Brown, Apr. 17; F. H. Mitchell, Sept. 28; J. S. Shaw, Nov. 25. 21A—G. A. Fitzpatrick, Apr. 26; A. R. Fraser, May 20;

R. Fraser, July 14. 22—J. R. McKay, Dec. 29; 1921; E. A. Lloyd, Jan. 27; J. Buchanan, Jan. 28; E. J. Dean, Jan. 16; W. A. Lyon, June 25; A. E. Gillespie, Aug. 10; F. F. Hyatt, Sept. 19; J. McKerracher, Dec. 10; J. R. Gifford, Dec. 11; W. P. Gillespie, Dec. 17. 23—W. Pratt, Sept. 3; R. F. Hick, Nov. 27; 24—J. T. Pearson, Jan. 22; W. H. Dart, Jan. 22. 25—A. Willis, Dec. 26, 1921; A. M. Baines, Jan. 12; J. A. G. Crozier, Feb. 14; G. A. Bingham, Mar. 2; J. W. Morse May 24; H. A. Ressor, 1920; J. Brown, Aug. 5; C. Elliott, July 22. 26—A. G. Maybee, Mar. 14; J. H. Magill, June 19; R. C. Smith, Sept. 10; T. A. Thompson, Oct. 9. 27—G. W. F. Holmes, July 14; G. D. Hawkins, Nov. 18. 29—A. G. E. Westmacott, June 21; J. Cornwall, Nov. 10. 30—J. A. Brown, May 25; F. R. Graham, Dec. 11. 31—L. A. W. Tole, June 5. 32—J. A. Smith, Apr. 9; J. Ewing, July 16; A. T. Drake, Oct. 22; A. S. Thornton, Dec. 6. 33—J. Ferguson, Aug. 12, G. Porter, July 28. 34—R. Sample, Mar. 12; P. A. Overholt, May 14; D. Grant, Dec. 24. 37—R. H. Young, Jan. 28; D. C. Parker, Feb. 7; C. T. Fish, May 6; F. R. Miller, Aug. 30. 38—F. N. Clement, Aug. 6; G. E. Matthews, Aug. 14; 40—J. T. Sunderland, Feb. 1; R. Douglas, Feb. 22; J. H. Whitney, Feb. 26; F. Stewart, Mar. 2; J. B. Turner, Mar. 7; R. Soper, May 2; J. Seaman, Aug. 19; M. Burnside, Dec. 7. 42—W. H. Welsh, Apr. 43—J. S. Kenny, Aug. 16. 44—W. C. Knowles, Mar. 4; A. Brown, Apr. 2; R. H. Beattie, June 14; W. J. Murray, June 29; J. J. Teetzel, July 7; E. G. Kitchen, Aug. 10; J. J. Worden, July 26; R. F. A. E. Percy, Dec. 2; C. W. Couse, Dec. 25. 45—T. Hendry, Jan. 17; J. A. Smith, Apr. 19; T. S. Saunderson, July 22; J. T. Fair, Sept. 2. 46—S. Haines, Feb. 17; J. Baxter, Mar. 9. 47—J. Ratcliff, Jan. 19; J. Hall, Mar. 6; W. J. Edwards, Mar. 16; T. C. Hawkins, Feb. 25; R. S. Jewlett, Mar. 24; W. E. Moore, Oct. 14; E. McKee, Nov. 21; J. Smith, Dec. 6; I. Watt, Dec. 10. 48—R. D. Robinson, Dec. 18. 50—E. Clark, Jan. 4; J. J. Morrison, Oct. 5; F. W. Hall, Nov. 21. 52—W. Grant, Feb. 16; C. B. Pratt, Apr. 22; D. A. Howard, Oct. 14; A. Whitney, June 27. 55—B. Mosher, Feb. 8; R. Read, Dec. 25. 56—A. Brown, Nov. 29; W. Oldham, Feb. 9. 57—R. Twiss, July 14. 58—W. J. Kidd, June 21; A. Pratt, Nov. 1; L. O. Besserer, Sept. 23; J. M. Hurcomb, Nov. 21. 61—J. Thompson, Jan. 10; R. G. Ryckman, Apr. 4; J. Annesley, May 31; A. W. Grainger, July 29; C. G. Cooper, Oct. 23; W. J. Waters, Oct. 23; G. W. Hickey, Nov. 7; F. B. Robinson, Jan. 25; 62—J. M. Forbes, Dec. 21. 63—R. A. Galbraith, Dec. 28, 1921; C. McIntosh, July 27; W. Greer, Sept. 26. 64—J. A. Thomas, Mar. 31; C. W. Bright, Apr. 10; A. J. Borthwick, June 22; A. Turner, Aug. 20; J. W. Wilson, Aug. 29. 65—H. Stuart, Mar. 27; D. D. Grierson, Apr. 6; E. J. Hadley, Apr. 7; A. M. Wickens, Apr. 7. 66—E. C. Fisher, Apr. 5. 68—W. M. Smith, Feb. 22; J. Breckenridge, May 9; W. C. Davis, June 5. 69—W. J. Jeffrey, Apr. 3; J. A. Bailey, May 23. 72—F. D. Palmer, Dec. 16; F. J. King, Sept. 11. 73—R. T. Gilpin, Nov. 16. 74—J. D. Easton, May 11; G. Carr, June 9; R. T. Thompson, Sept. 27. 75—T. Arthur, Jan. 9; J. W. Gray, May 5; G. R. Rumney, May 20; A. Speers, Sept. 10; C. E. Howarth, Sept. 12; H. M. Stevenson, Nov. 10; J. Knowles, Dec. 25. 76—M. Douglas, July 18. 77—B. Dingle, Feb.; J. W. Wood, Mar. 2; W. C. Burdick, Jan. 5; W. B. Cresswell, Oct. 21; J. Hore, Nov. 5; G. A. Milne, Dec. 15. 78—J. E. Williams, Mar. 20; M. D. Crooker, July 22; G. S. Firby, Nov. 8. 79—P. Holt, June 10. 81—W. J. Young, Mar. 19; C. E. Bateman, June 18; W. Young, Sept. 19. 82—J. Begg, Oct. 26; A. Campbell, Nov. 26; H. Taylor, Dec. 6. 83—J. D. McLean, May 24; W. W. Bowley, May 28; G. R. Cameron, June 11. 85—G. Tackaberry, May 13; M. Brown, Oct. 3. 86—W. J. George, Dec. 23; 1921; W. H. Darlington, Jan. 4; J. Oliver, Jan. 8; J. S. Marshall, Jan. 26; S. Hull, Feb. 5; H. G. Hawkins, May 12; R. F. Hudson, July 18; J. McKay, Oct. 7; J. G. Gibson, Dec. 12. 88—I. White, Apr. 24; J. Garbutt, Nov. 18; W. P. Malone, July 23. 90—W. Playter, Jan. 6; D. Wright, Dec. 31; 1921; F. A. Hodgson, Aug. 7; T. C. Brown, Oct. 1; F. W. Churchill, Aug. 20. 91—R. G. Gill, Feb. 27; J. Cochrane, Aug. 14; A. J. Bellamy, Dec. 31. 92—W. Patterson, Mar. 10; S. Elliott, Apr. 2; A. Shaw, May 3; J. Smyth, May 9; C. Drayman, May 26; W. A. King, July 8; C. H. Finkle, Aug. 15; J. Noble, Aug. 21. 93—A. Clinton, Feb. 5. 96—F. Montgomery, Feb. 9; R. J. Fletcher, Nov. 13; J. B. McPhee, Dec. 3; A. Milne, Dec. 14. 99—J. R. Stallard, May 29; J. Wayling, July 12; O. P. Hamilton, Aug. 27. 100—S. J. Lennard, Aug. 8; 1921, E. Bibby, Apr. 9; R. V. Somerville, July 25. 101—J. M. White, Mar. 30; A. Mesley, Apr. 12; W. J. Johnston, Nov. 13. 103—J. R. Newman, Jan. 14; B. O. Upper, Aug. 4; A. F. Schram, Dec. 10. 104—J. Corrigan, Dec. 2. 105—H. C. Bain, Jan. 15; J. J. Sleeman, Mar. 31; S. N. Payne, Aug. 25. 106—A. Thomas, Oct. 22. 107—H. E. Baker, Aug. 15. 108—J. A. Creaser, Oct. 9. 110—W. A. Scott, Mar. 24; W. S. R. Murch, Oct. 28. 113—A. J. Gould, E. B. Persall, Feb. 4. 114—G. Bennett, Nov. 19; A. Farrow, Dec. 10; J. Harmer, Dec. 26. 115—L. Venning, Apr. 21; E. Fry, May 24; W. D. Garbutt, Jan. 12; I. Tufford, Sept. 18; H. J. Overholt, Nov. 19; M. Konkle, Dec. 17. 116—J. Scott, Feb. 24. 121—G. A. Ward, Dec. 25; 1921; J. C. Feely, Dec. 1921; L. Harold, Jan. 3; A. J. Henwood, Jan. 19; R. H. Schultz, Feb. 14; W. E. James, Mar. 6; F. Chalcroft, June 2; R. Reed, Nov. 19; W. J. R. Liddell, Sept. 16. 122—J. R. Campbell, Mar. 26; W. M. Dickson, June 25; J. M. Austin, June 30; J. Thompson, July 31; J. McKay, Oct. 13; J. Devenney, Nov. 24. 123—E. A. Jose, Mar. 26; W. W. Knight, May 25; W. Corham, Nov. 7; T. Waymark, Dec. 17. 125—M. G. Poole, June 9. 126—C. A. Moore, Mar. 31; D. Richardson, July 8. 127—B. Fox, Mar. 17; M. Hess,

Mar. 18. 128—W. A. Moffatt, Apr. 22; R. W. Kenning, Sept. 23. 129—G. W. Johnston, Apr. 20; R. J. Evans, Nov. 26. 131—T. H. Burns, Apr. 10. 133—A. Hastings, Sep. 2; 135—J. Mahon, Dec. 21. 136—P. McCallum, Feb. 20; W. Harding, Mar. 3. 137—W. Morrell, Aug. 28; P. Oliver, Oct. 11. 140—J. E. Richards, Aug. 5. 141—W. R. Davis, Mar. 27; G. Neigh, Mar. 28; R. Smith, Jul. 25; J. Dougherty, Dec. 25. 142—J. W. A. Kirk, Mar. 5; A. B. Sherman, Feb. 26. 143—T. S. Edwards, Feb. 24; L. S. Bell, June 20. 144—J. W. Forbes, May 19. W. A. Henderson, Jan. 23; C. A. Isard, Nov. 2. 145—H. Turner, Mar. 5; G. T. B. Lock, Sep. 9. 146 L. E. Wilson, June 19; C. H. Finkle, Aug. 15; G. F. Hill, Aug. 29; L. H. Stover, Oct. 3. 147—J. Donaldson, Nov. 13. 148—J. Kent, Jan. 17; W. P. Archibald, Jan. 18; J. Way, Mar. 21; H. P. McDonnell, Oct. 27; A. F. Chamberlain, Nov. 4; W. G. Hurdman, Dec. 22; T. N. Christie, no date. 149—C. Brock, Apr. 2; A. R. Smith, Aug. 27. 151—G. Lippert, Mar. 29; T. H. Rieder, Apr. 15; T. H. Zollner, May 10; F. Rogers, Jan. 2. 155—I. Richardson, May 2; D. Cameron, Jul. 30; G. F. Smith, Sept. 25. 156—E. Garrett, Dec. 29; 1921; R. J. Gibson, Feb. 21; J. Birley, Mar. 28; E. H. Levison, May 31; W. H. Hill, Oct. 11. 157—D. H. Webster, Mar. 6. 159 D. McDougall, Apr. 2. 165—O. T. Springer, Mar. 4; E. A. Wray, Dec. 4. 166—G. Millen, Feb. 4. 168—A. W. Crysler, Apr. 24; W. Barrett, July 28; D. D. Hooker, Aug. 18; C. Collins, July 2; H. L. Schisler, Dec. 26. 169—J. Hamilton, Nov. 14; J. C. Jordan, Aug. 16; W. Morrin, Dec. 7. 170—W. Moxley, Apr. 16; J. Rankin, Mar. 26. 171—A. Mc Dougall, July 2; W. H. Turner, July 19; A. W. Forbes, Dec. 26. 172—W. A. Reid, Mar. 30. 174—F. L. Foster, Mar. 25; J. S. Smith, July 2, I. B. Fick, Dec. 22. 177—C. Ogilvie, June 10; W. Rea, Nov. 11. 180—J. D. Daughty, Jan. 28; J. Goldie, Mar. 21; C. V. Cabeldu, Mar. 30; W. Bruce, June 16; W. G. Stephenson, Nov. 29. 184—K. McIver, Jan. 10; W. A. Wilson, July 6; A. McLeod, Oct. 23. 190—J. Brodie, June 7; J. B. Doan, Dec. 15. 192—P. McNabb, Mar. 14; T. C. Doidge, Apr. 11; D. J. McPhee, Apr. 27; R. Mainer, July 27. 193—S. Miller, Dec. 8. 194—R. W. Parker, Aug. 7. 195—J. B. McKillop, Mar. 23; T. A. McMahon, June. 196—F. R. Cox, June 14; J. A. MacDonald, Aug. 21. 200—S. A. Pennock, July 11; H. D. Main, Oct. 28. 201—R. J. Reynolds, July 25; G. Belfie, May 1; W. Brown, Oct. 17; G. H. Gardner, Nov. 19. 203—J. McGowan, Oct. 20. 207—H. S. Kinlock, Nov. 22. 209—A. H. Meek, Jan. 11; T. P. W. Hastings, Feb. 24; J. R. Stewart, Mar. 2; T. H. Weldon, Mar. 22; J. D. Hull, Mar. 31; C. A. Kingston, Apr. 11; W. Yeates, May 15; W. G. White, March; J. E. Keenleyside, Oct. 6; W. G. Bailey, Nov. 3; W. F. P. Irwin, Nov. 17; H. A. Morrow, Dec. 6. 216—R. H. Robinson, Oct. 11. 217—A. Crysler, Apr. 23. 218—S. J. Bottomley, May 25; J. Pettigrew, June 21; W. H. Mosley, Sept. 21; A. J. Sabiston, Dec. 3. 220—R. Carruthers, Jan. 15; C. Gould, Dec. 18; M. A. Gilpin, Aug. 1. 223—H. Douglas, Mar. 18. 224—R. J. Drysdale, Aug. 2; T. J. Berry, Nov. 23; W. Murdock, Dec. 18. 225—S. M. Smith, Feb. 15; J. G. Watson, Nov. 8. 228—E. B. Denyes, Sept. 12. 229—J. G. Roberts, Apr. 5; A. J. Hood, Apr. 13; H. E. Archdekin, Sept. 2. 230—D. Lewis, Feb. 21; J. Ward, Oct. 28; J. C. Morgan, Aug. 1; S. West, Oct. 30; W. A. Griffith, Aug. 2; T. A. Fletcher, Dec. 26. 231—E. S. Ashfield, May 29; W. G. Black, Jan. 21; W. H. Smith, Apr. 3; J. Way, June 16; W. Rea, Nov; J. Scott, Oct. 28. 233—R. R. Magladery, Mar. 12. 234—A. Muir, Mar. 15; F. Keut, July 31. 235—M. S. Davidson, Nov. 30. 236—E. W. C. Arnold, Sept. 14. 237—J. H. Soper, Aug. 5. 238—T. Goodhand, Dec. 10. 239—A. J. Smith, July 19. 242—J. G. McDonald, July 28. 243—H. Freeman, July 12. 245—B. Gregory, Jan. 18. 247—J. Pearce, May 3; H. W. Maw, July 6; A. S. Sylvester, Aug. 26. W. J. Hill, Oct. 11; J. Hodgins, Oct. 20; J. W. Shier, Nov. 6; J. Irving, Dec. 8. 249—J. M. Buchin, Apr. 3; W. L. Gladstone, May 13. 250—P. Mitchel, Feb. 1. 253—G. E. Bearne, June 2; F. Welch, Sept. 4; G. W. Crawford, Oct. 254—J. W. Charles, Nov. 15; J. J. Guerin, Nov. 28; R. Cameron, Dec. 24; 255—S. Bentley, Feb. 15; C. Laird, Dec. 6. 257—G. H. Hancock Sr., Jan. 26; G. M. Riddell, Feb. 15; E. Snell, Mar. 27; J. A. Parsons, Aug. 29; W. Cowan, Dec. 3. 259—G. Muller, Jan. 16; J. B. Lucas, Oct. 9. 260—G. Fisher, Oct. 20. 262—J. Howes, Mar. 22; A. Fisher, Oct. 4; S. M. Henry, Oct. 19. 263—J. Scoules, Jan. 18; D. D. Brodie, Nov. 2; H. W. O. Woodroffe, Aug. 29. 264—J. I. Morgan, Feb. 25; R. W. Fair, May 18; J. F. Inglee, June 27; L. F. Christie, July 17. 265—C. M. Teasdale, Apr. 21. 266—T. J. Watson, Mar. 29. 267—J. R. Gemmill, Can. 1; O. Bailey, June 25, G. Smith, Aug. 21; J. McDonald, Nov. 6; J. A. Hildreth, Nov. 26. 268—J. Ingram, May 23. 270—M. J. Rowe, May 28; J. P. Smith, Dec. 19. 271—W. Ramsay, Feb. 17; J. Brown, Oct. 9; D. Kirkwood, Dec. 18. 272—T. Didman, May 18; W. Dunlop, June 21; L. H. Horning, July 23. 277—C. Bowman, Jan. 25; C. Walton, Oct. 4; J. Johnston, Oct. 15. 279—E. S. Beer, Nov. 11. 282—C. B. McLean, May 3. 283—B. Way, June 30; R. R. Palmer, Nov. 11. 285—J. B. McCrea, Feb. 17; J. A. Wright, July 18; J. N. Rose, Dec. 21. 285—W. J. Haines, Mar. 30; J. P. Evans, May 4. 287—W. Vigers, Feb. 6; N. A. McLean, Feb. 10; J. W. McElroy, Mar. 1; W. B. Sime, Jan. 29; F. C. Armstrong, Mar. 10; T. P. Hartling, Feb. 7; T. M. Tennant, Nov. 6; R. Scott, Oct. 1. 290—Jas. King, Mar. 24; R. Shanks, Apr. 6; G. M. Dalley, Oct. 29. 291—D. Iawson, June 17; 292—J. Brett, Jan. 7. 300—P. Elgie, Feb. 7. 302—F. W. Kilgour, Jan. 12; A. J. Clark, Mar. 27; T. Hynd, May 9; H. Riley, June 28; E. Geen, Sept. 16; A. E. Hamilton, Sept. 20; J. Corlis, July. 303—A. McMillan,

Oct. 7. 304—H. Gregg, Aug. 14; 305—J. K. McEwen, Nov. 20; F. J. McFarlane, Mar. 24. 312—E. E. Parker, Apr. 20; S. D. Crothers, Sept. 2. 314—J. Wilson, Feb. 6; J. C. Stewart, Nov. 2; W. Robertson, May 3. 316—R. Childs, Feb. 22; E. Gillespie, Jan. 5; J. Mortimer, May 1; J. H. Walterhouse, Jan. 31; J. H. Wrawick, Jan. 10; D. H. Summers, Nov. 18. 319—G. E. Meyers, May 15; G. K. Henderson, Dec. 22. 320—J. Foster, Feb. 7; G. D. Hunter, June 28; W. Gillespie, July 30. 322—J. A. Morrison, May 29; G. Rankin, May 10; K. Wildren, Date not given; J. C. Sloane, July 21. 323—T. R. Hoag, Nov. 7. 324—R. Stark, Jan. 16; F. R. Newberry, Jan. 23; G. S. Bingham, Apr. 7; J. Butterfield, June 19; A. L. Lee, Nov. 5. 325—W. H. Darlington, Jan. 5; J. Henry, Jan.; H. Ard, June; F. Williamson, Nov. 14. 326—J. Oliver, Jan. 8; J. Laidlaw, Feb. 25; J. McGowan, July 12; J. S. Wallace, July 22; F. R. Miller, Aug. 30; E. L. McArthur, Sept. 29; E. Verner, Oct. 7; M. Rawlison, Oct. 17; H. Gagnier, Oct. 29; J. Haywood, Nov. 5. 327—R. Webster, Nov. 22. 328—W. Woods, Nov. 14. 329—W. J. Abraham, Apr. 1. 330—A. Dowell, Oct. 29; C. Thurling, Nov. 4; J. Watters, Nov. 9. 331—J. Hunter, Oct. 21; R. Calvert, Aug. 1, 1921; J. Sanderson, Aug. 4. 332—R. Patterson, Mar. 24; 333—R. J. Sproule, Dec. 3. 337—J. C. Bell, July 22. 338—H. Misener, Apr. 24. 339—N. N. Spears, Feb. 24; F. Parkin, Mar. 27; F. H. Anderson, Mar. 7; W. S. Bate, Apr. 30; J. Pender, Feb. 16; J. J. McCaffrey, June 24; G. W. Vines, Aug. 9; S. O. N. Shea, Sept. 7; T. Humphreys, Nov. 5. 343—J. W. Gale, Jan. 10; F. Rose, May 16; G. I. Riddell, Oct. 14; J. J. Spiers, July 20. 345—T. Neville, Aug. 4. 346—N. J. Craig, Feb. 22; A. L. King, Apr. 6; J. H. Grass, May 1; A. Mowatt, Oct. 14. 348—J. R. Graves, Feb. 17; D. J. McMillan, Dec. 26. 352—R. Lyons, Nov. 28. 354—T. H. Foster, Aug. 10. 356—C. H. Gill, Nov. 9. 357—J. E. Carey, Oct. 1. 358—T. W. Glasgow, Dec. 2. 359—A. Machon, Apr. 11. 360—J. A. Dale, Nov. 16. 361—J. M. Taylor, June 20. B. Sinner, July 3. 362—W. J. Lowes, July 5; W. H. Crawford, Dec. 21. 367—; J. T. Barker, Feb. 4; J. Dale, Apr. 19; W. Larter, June 4; W. Simpson, July 29; J. Baird, Sr. Oct. 13. 368—J. W. Moore, Mar. 10; M. Goodison, June 7; R. N. Dowsley, Feb. 26; B. R. Shirreff, Oct. 11. 369—F. Daniels, Jan. 15; J. R. Christie, Jan. 25; J. Scott, July 8. 370—A. Stevens, Nov. 18. 371—W. Ferguson, Jan. 28; N. E. McEwen, Nov. 17; F. Fowler, Nov. 24. 373—G. W. Sutherland, Oct. 20; J. Trueman, Dec. 16. 374—S. Mather, May 26. 376—T. Scaret, Mar. 1. A. McClellan, Sept. 14. 377—R. E. Mortimer, Oct. 9. 378—C. F. Morgan, Apr. 14; T. G. Davis, May 26. 379—W. Smibert, May 20; G. Kimball, May 26. 380—R. A. Fox, Jan. 28; M. Haystead, Jan. 22; J. Westbrook, Sept. 17; H. Rouselle, Oct. 20. 382—T. Cook, Jan. 10; A. Crooks, Mar. 8; R. Filkin, Sept. 2; M. B. Skedden, Mar. 4. 383—J. McCourtie, Dec. 29, 1921; J. Greer, June 11; J. F. Cass, July 13. 384—T. W. Watts, Mar. 19; J. Rawlings, Mar. 22; H. J. Crawford, Aug. 2; W. H. Goodman, July 16; J. C. Morgan, Aug. 1; O. C. Chalk, Sept. 1. 385—G. W. Dobbs, July 26. 386—F. Plastow, April, S. Knight, Dec. 5. 388—J. W. Avery, June 27. 390—S. Turtle, Oct. 18. 391—G. Hales, Jan. 25; I. L. Smith, Sept. 23. 392—T. G. Gates, Oct. 9. 393—S. M. Davidson, Nov. 30. 394—J. T. Crellin, Jan. 5; L. Lafavor, Aug. 29. 395—D. Baldwin, Feb. 27; G. Goatbe, May 1. 396—A. P. Ebert, Dec. 17. 397—J. Bolson, Feb. 15; J. Taylor, May 13; M. Galbraith, Sept. 16. 398—M. A. Lindsay, Jan. 12; W. L. Wood, Mar. 2; H. W. McInnes, Nov. 3. 399—G. Weir, Mar. 25. 402—A. O. Stimmers, June 19. 403—M. P. Hanes, Jan. 28; S. W. Brundage, Mar. 19; F. S. Fairbrother, Mar. 23; R. F. Sutherland, May 23; D. Brown, Sept. 5; T. R. McCaw, Oct. 6; F. G. Carter, Nov. 26. 404—J. Aylesworth, Oct. 14. 405—W. G. Charleson, May 18; P. A. Cobbald, Dec. 2. 406—J. J. Nevison, Apr. 7. 408—F. E. Madill, Jan. 16. W. G. Veale, Sept. 9. 409—M. A. Kohn, May 9; W. McKay, June 26. 410—T. R. LaBelle, Jan. 9; W. E. Westlake, May 24; J. J. Hoiaige, June 19; G. T. Pendrith, June 22; A. Milligan, Sept. 2; C. Y. Farr, Dec. 15. 412—L. A. Green, June 5; S. I. Robb, Sept. 12; W. J. Hampton, Dec. 1. 413—W. J. Taylor, June 2. 414 N. Martin, May 18; E. Seager, July 9. 415—H. P. Mosher, Jan. 416—J. Pergan, Oct. 25; G. Stratton, Dec. 14; E. Coleman, Feb. 15; J. W. Oldham, Feb. 7; F. J. McKee, June 7; J. W. Jackson, Dec. 8. 420—W. J. Bailey, May 8; J. T. Lindsay, July 26; E. H. Sheppherd, July 25. 422—W. H. Hodge, Mar. 15. 423—G. McCormack, May 24; J. Edgar, Sept. 11. 426—T. A. Rhodes, Jan. 19, J. Shand, Jan. 31; G. S. Ross, Feb. 18; G. T. Clarkson, Feb. 20. G. A. Lockhart, May 8; J. Maylon, May 24. I. N. Sharpe, July 5; I. Wood, Aug. 18; A. M. Gabel, Sept. 5; J. W. Kirkness, Sept. 14; H. Davidson, Dec. 1. 427—T. F. Kilpatrick, Apr. 24; W. A. Wilson, Dec. 20. 428—W. A. Alexander, Feb. 23; H. C. Thompson, Aug. 12. 429—A. J. Vandrick, Oct. 1. 430—G. Meech, Sept. 7. 431—G. Needham, Nov. 11. 434—D. Thomas, May 14. 435—J. Hastings, Nov. 29; R. P. Jack, July 29. 437—W. Oldham, Feb. 7; H. E. Dahl, Apr. 14; J. Muoro, May 18; J. J. F. Wylie, May 19; E. Beasley, Aug. 16; W. F. Lawrence, July 25. 438—C. BOOZ, Jan. 20; S. T. Clapp, Jan. 27; A. B. Clarke, Jan. 31. J. Ingham, Apr. 16; J. R. Atkins, May 26; W. C. Boyce, Sept. 26; R. J. Beeman, Aug. 30; T. H. Ross, Sept. 20. 439—M. Rosen, May 5; J. W. Irvine, Mar. 9; H. A. Conroy, Apr. 27. 441—L. W. Klingner, Apr. 9; W. S. R. Murch, Oct. 28; R. Flegg, Sept. 10. 442—S. W. Craford, Dec. 11. 443—J. Seimon, Dec. 14. 444—W. C. Boyd, Apr. 1; J. Perry, Oct. 24. 445—R. W. Ferrier, Sept. 18. 446—F. C. Rogers, Mar. 24. R. W. Aylward, Sept. 3. 447—J. Eaton, Mar. 19. 448—

J. P. Burns, Mar. 17. 451—A. B. Townsend, Nov. 12. 452 A. F. McRae, Aug. 30. 454—J. H. Cole, Nov. 18. 459—P. B. Danlin, May 29. 462—J. J. Cameron, Oct. 11. 463—G. S. Cooper, June 22. 464—N. McPhaden, June 9. 468—W. J. A. Appleby, May 8; G. E. Island, June 3. 469—W. Nieme, July 3. 470—T. H. Cross, May 28. 473—W. F. Hodgson, Mar. 29; D. D. Grierson, Apr. 6; J. R. W. Barker, May 24; W. A. Lyon, June 25; H. Gardy, Dec. 22. 474—H. C. Ellis, Jan. 27; A. Cleworth, June 18. 475—W. Stroud, Apr. 18; G. A. Bain, Jan. 6; A. W. Grainger, July 28; P. B. Lockerbie, Oct. 19; W. F. Buckingham, Sept. 2. 476—R. H. Ruby, Apr. 26; 477—A. W. Grainger, July 28. 479—G. Hay, Jan. 18; W. E. Ronan, Feb. 12. 481—J. Stephens, Feb. 19; W. H. Bremner, Dec. 31, 1921; J. H. Saunder, Mar. 16; H. M. Livingstone, Mar. 9; A. H. Young, Aug. 19. 482—E. T. Chase, Aug. 30. 484—W. E. Sproule, Dec., 1919. 485—H. S. Hennessy, Mar. 19; P. A. Cobbold, Nov. 30; H. H. Elfick, Oct. 4. 489—J. J. Dardiner, May 6. 490—B. Carruthers, Dec. 12. 492—T. G. Cornell, Feb. 25. 493—S. Ogsbyer, Feb. 17. 494—W. D. Rockett, Feb. 24; P. D. Fraugh, Sept. 30. 495—T. W. Stephenson, Oct. 4. 496—W. L. Edwards, July 11; H. J. Crawford, Aug. 3; A. L. Geggie, Nov. 13. 497—A. W. Parks, Aug. 3. 499—A. Paterson, Jan. 31; J. H. Wyncopp, Mar. 24. 501—R. Winter, Feb. 1. 504—G. Peffer, May 15. 505—E. Clement, Nov. 12. 506—A. E. Simms, Jan. 1; A. L. Kinsey, Apr. 28; G. Paterson, Oct. 15. 507—E. W. Davey, Jan. 19; R. Merriman, Aug. 10. 509—C. B. Ebbage, Feb. 13; E. Berwick, July 18. 510—W. H. Goodman, July 16; G. Dane, Aug. 3; E. A. Rogers, Dec. 30. 513—P. M. Johnston, Oct. 12; L. G. Rowley, Nov. 27. 514—R. J. Gibson, Feb. 21; W. E. McPherson, Apr. 3; W. P. Fessenden, July 19; 517—W. T. Bradley, Aug. 2. 518—L. J. Williams, June 21. 519—N. McPhedran, Jan. 16. 520—S. M. Green, Jan. 19; F. B. Smith, Apr. 8; A. Mackie, July 13. 521—J. H. Stewart, Feb. 25. 522—A. W. Lipson, Nov. 12. 523—J. E. L. Goodwill, Mar. 8. 524—J. A. Callander, Jan. 3; C. E. Elliott, July 28. 525—J. Stevens, Feb. 19; C. W. Wardell, June 23. 526—J. S. Campbell, Mar. 2; E. J. McLean, Aug. 4. 528—A. E. Simms, Mar. 18; W. H. Peters, July 11; J. E. McAllister, Nov. 2. 531—C. F. Beswick, May 14; J. Jackson, Sept. 22; J. Anderson, Nov. 21. 532—B. K. George, June 14; C. Russell, Aug. 24. 534—T. Elder, Nov. W. A. Grant, Nov. 5. 535—W. Ryan, Apr. 10. 537—N. N. Spears, Feb. 24; W. C. Jraman, Apr. 28; A. W. Easton, Dec. 1. 539—F. J. Weidenhammer, Dec. 31, 1921. 540—D. P. R. Johnstone, Mar. 18; L. C. Courter, June 26. 541—J. Hunter, July 29; J. H. Magill, Dec. 4. 542—J. W. Mills, Apr. 14. 545—B. Gregory, Jan. 18; D. D. Grierson, Apr. 6; A. F. Lowry, Aug. 1. 546—F. Babcock, Dec. 12. 547—J. A. McFarland, Mar. 27. 548—E. M. Mooney, Nov. 9. 551—R. C. Fearman, Aug. 8. 554—H. A. Poultny June 22. 557—W. A. Henry, Jan. 23. 559—A. Lipson, Nov. 12. 560—H. P. Macdonell, Oct. 27. 565—R. W. Sherry, June 30. 567—R. J. W. Barker, May 24; H. Hardy, Dec. 22. 572—J. C. Gorman, Sept. 29; J. Johnston, Dec. 14. 573—J. W. Charles, Nov. 15; L. F. Sears, Dec. 8. 575—W. A. Alexander, Feb. 22; A. L. Geggie, Nov. 13. 576—T. Cain, Nov. 8. 578—K. R. Maitland, Dec. 31; 1921. 581—J. Haywood, Nov. 5. 583—W. A. A. Dunn, Sept. 14. 584—S. Shaffer, Oct. 11. 585—A. Shaw, May 3; W. S. R. Murch, Oct. 27. 586—T. A. Ross, Sept. 22. 596—H. S. Kinlock, Nov. 23. 597—C. B. McLean, Apr. 5; T. G. Davis, May 26. 599—T. Patterson, Nov. 26. 600—R. J. Gibson, Feb. 21. 601—M. Galbraith, Sept. 16.

RESTORATIONS 1922

2—J. Hanniwell. 5—O. Tuesdale, A. H. Gilham, H. E. Miller. 7—H. F. Morrow, S. N. Ridley. 9—J. W. Russell. 10—R. O. Blayney, J. F. Thompson. 11—J. A. Henderson, R. E. McEachren, P. McDavitt, H. E. Brintnell, R. White. 15—H. L. Simpson, G. B. Middleberger, C. G. McDermott. 18—J. Hough. 21a—A. R. Fraser, F. B. Bowden. 22—G. M. Vandervoort, J. A. Patton. 27—A. F. Butson, J. Poole. 29—R. O. Miller. 31—G. T. Johnston, T. D. Currie. 32—J. W. Gray. 34—W. M. Middelditch, R. Ryan, J. G. Kollag, G. Gott. 40—J. E. Morris, J. L. Lazarus, M. A. McTavish, A. M. Robson. 41—N. E. Dowler. 42—R. H. Birrell, T. W. Steele. 43—H. Field. 44—G. W. Littlejohn. 52—J. W. Houghton, P. H. Woolcombe. 55—J. H. Todd, J. L. Newman. 61—W. E. Cummins. 62—J. M. Forbes. 63—E. J. Whitey. 64—G. W. Humpbidge, W. G. McCulloch. 65—C. E. Cotton. 68—G. Wilson. 69—J. Goyzell. 75—W. J. Fielding. 76—H. G. Hall, W. H. Pierce, J. McDonald, C. W. Skinner, A. McBeth, W. L. Broughton. 78—T. M. Sitts. 79—J. Bemrose. 81—J. E. Handy. 84—J. Ford, H. B. Combe. 86—A. E. Fielding. 88—N. Hammond. 90—W. R. Bell, T. E. Hawkins. 91—A. J. Bellamy, E. Grass. 92—W. A. Marceles. 93—R. J. Hillock, J. A. Peterson. 96—R. W. Burton. 97—D. Anderson, S. C. Soules. 100—N. Elliott. 103—A. C. Camp. 105—W. Hogg. 107—J. W. Meriam, H. E. Baker. 114—T. W. Glover, J. W. Rutter, E. W. Sarjeant. 118—H. R. Butt. 123—D. A. Cameron. 125—C. H. Wood, A. A. McDonald. 131—F. Thomson. 139—T. J. Sheridan. 141—W. C. Springer. 142—J. E. Bass. 156—D. McCrorie G. H. Lawrence, J. Pearce, J. Farewell. 165—G. Robinson. 171—D. E. Campbell. 180—F. W. Hocking. 185—W. H. Robinson. 186—A. A. Fraser, C. F. Proudfoot, A. M. Johnston. 190—A. Christie, A. J. Munro. 194—N. D. Rains-

berry. 209—H. Stewart. 209A—B. Brammer. 215—G. A. Johnstone. 216—W. S. Smyth, R. J. McConnell, P. Harding, R. J. Kyle. 218—G. Humphrey, J. Acheson, A. E. Staton. 220—A. Barber. 223—W. H. Girvan. 229—J. Schofield, W. T. Hastie. 231—W. R. Barnard. 236—W. J. Spears. 238—F. Walker. 239—W. H. Robinson, J. Wise. 249—E. L. Perry, J. Price. 257—N. Culham. 258—F. P. Ellis. 260—R. C. Stolesbury, J. A. Johnson. 262—D. McKenzie. 264—R. D. Meek, J. C. Finley, H. J. Mignall. 267—G. McLeod. 268—W. Beat. H. O. Boyd, H. L. Lancaster. 270—C. W. Smith. 272—J. F. Findlay. 276—H. B. O'Connor. 279—S. M. Morrison. 285—H. W. McGill, H. J. Packham. 287—R. H. Richmond, H. Bennett. 290—C. Johnson. 291—C. S. Mills, J. R. Cornell. 295—J. A. Flath, P. Ferguson, M. Salle. 302—J. Urquhart. 304—W. Y. Cook, T. R. Pickard. 307—N. D. Wylie. 311—J. H. Watt. 314—W. McEwan, L. R. Hess. 318—J. Foster. 319—E. R. Holmes. 322—H. J. Rorke. 323—W. Morrison. 324—R. J. Wellington, A. J. Limlu. 327—J. A. Mulligan. 332—J. T. Forrest. 333—J. A. McArthur. 334—J. Bright. 337—S. Hill. 339—S. A. Ward, T. J. Doughty, W. J. Myers, H. Wilbee. 341—J. McKay. 343—E. N. Brown. 345—A. Elliott. 346—J. G. B. Dougall, C. H. Lewis, F. T. Emerson, J. F. Whytock. 347—J. McPherson, A. Shaw. 348—J. K. Laird. 352—W. G. Jessop, H. F. Holton. 354—W. W. Evans. 358—H. Elviage. 361—R. D. Allan. 364—J. G. Moncrieff. 367—S. C. Moore, J. E. Almond, W. Duns-eath, J. H. Godfrey, J. C. Gaynor. 371—A. E. Thurston. 373—J. A. Huges, G. F. Bye. 374—S. Mather. 376—A. McClennan. 378—J. E. P. Jones, W. C. Craig, J. H. Dorman, T. Cockrill. 379—A. McKellar, J. Standsfield. 380—J. Westbrook, W. T. Clark. 382—A. F. Hallett, J. B. Williams. 384—R. Simpson. 386—E. A. Churcher. 392—C. O. Trusler. 397—R. E. Battram, F. Johnson. 400—W. J. Sheridan, S. P. Anderson. 403—G. A. McPhail. 404—H. S. Paul. 405—R. N. Wilkinson. 410—F. E. Harvey, F. A. Sparling, I. W. Booth, J. H. Long. 412—W. D. Dyer. 415—R. McManus, W. Turner, H. Rindel, G. Adair. 419—F. E. Baker. 426—F. G. Henry, A. E. Stewart. 427—G. A. Waern. 428—J. A. Boe, M. R. Fydel. 431—D. C. Murray. 437—J. A. Brown. 438—M. A. Rombough, R. Fair, R. Porter, H. Wark. 439—J. Eldred Devine. 442—K. Campbell. 443—E. H. Oldfield. 445—J. R. Taylor. 451—C. Hodgson. 453—J. J. Wells. 455—N. Trotter. 461—W. H. Wheatcroft, H. P. Rock, B. W. Kert, J. A. Miller, G. C. Russell, A. A. Minielly, F. A. Conroy. 547—R. J. McCabe. 470—H. L. Gardiner. 471—W. Hogg. 475—G. W. Vollick, G. G. McEwan. 480—J. Steen, F. Milligan, E. P. Foster. 484—C. J. Swanson, W. S. Charlesworth, J. E. Cole. 486—H. Whittingham, C. M. Ross. 488—J. E. Knapp. 494—J. A. Campbell, J. S. Ross. 500—W. A. Crane. 506—R. Sims. 513—C. W. Robinson. 514—W. P. Bennett, R. H. Trollope. 515—A. A. Wittstein. 522—A. Scott. 531—L. R. Hill. 532—G. H. Armstrong. 534—P. H. Bolton, G. S. McDonald. 540—R. W. McKenzie. 541—H. Cunningham. 545—W. R. Campbell. 586—C. H. Stock.

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Algoma	H. S. Galloway	Kenora
Brant	Chas. S. Graham	Hagersville
Bruce	Geo. Sirrs	Cargill
Chatham	Angus Graham	Thamesville
Eastern	C. F. Whittaker	Williamsburg
Frontenac	J. G. Fennall	Napanee
Georgian	W. N. Duff	Barrie
Grey	W. G. Blackwell	Dundalk
Hamilton A.	J. M. MacKenzie	Milton
Hamilton B.	Erland Lee	Stoney Creek
London	T. H. Martin	Denfield
Muskoka	A. W. Freeland	Emsdale
Niagara	A. B. Damude	Fonthill
Nipissing	W. A. Simpson	Sault Ste. Marie
North Huron	Samuel Wilton	Brussels
Ottawa	T. S. Church	Arnprior
Ontario	E. J. Wormington	Cobourg
Peterborough	F. C. Bonnycastle	Campbellford
Piñce Edward	T. E. Laycock	Marmora
Sarnia	A. D. Armstrong	Brigden
South Huron	John Stevenson	Stratford
St. Lawrence	F. Bellamy	Brockville
St. Thomas	T. L. Cochrane	St. Thomas
Temiskaming	J. Paterson	Englehart
Toronto A.	F. G. I. Whetter	Toronto
Toronto B.	F. R. Shier	Sunderland
Toronto C.	A. L. Tinker	Toronto
Toronto D.	C. G. Anderson	Toronto
Victoria	Wm. Jobe	Kirkfield
Wellington	M. Schiedel	Kitchener
Wilson	E. W. Moles	Norwich
Windsor	A. H. Dalziel	Windsor

The Grand Wardens

R.W. Bro. H. G. French	Grand Senior Warden	Toronto
R.W. Bro. W. F. Montague	Grand Junior Warden	Hamilton

The Grand Chaplain

R.W. Bro. Rev. Robt. C. Blagrove.....Peterborough

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Historian

R.W. Bro. Edward B. Brown.....Toronto

Appointed Officers

V.W. Bro. Thos. R. Logan	Brantford	Grand Senior Deacon
" J. G. M. Wilson	Peterborough	Grand Junior Deacon
" D. H. Burritt	Toronto	Grand Supt. of Works
" F. G. Wait	Ottawa	Asst. Grand Secretary
" W. F. Randall	Grimsby	Grand Dir. of Ceremonies
" James A. Barry	Toronto	Asst. G. Dir. of Ceremonies
" Robt. L. Dunn	St. Catharines	Grand Sword Bearer
" David Hawkins	Hamilton	Grand Organist
" A. C. Nobbs	London	Asst. Grand Organist
" E. Y. Barrowclough	Glen Williams	Grand Pursuivant

Grand Stewards

V.W. Bro.	James A. Wickens.....	Windsor
"	M. S. Blackburn.....	Dresden
"	Orlo Jacklin.....	Watford
"	H. W. Ladd.....	Palmerston
"	F. F. Dickerson.....	Woodstock
"	Allen Bechtel.....	Waterloo
"	Edwin C. Bell.....	Beeton
"	F. N. Leavens.....	Bolton
"	Edwin Snudden.....	Brooklin
"	John McCarthy.....	Belleville
"	R. B. Gilbert.....	Gananoque
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Appendix to Proceedings of 1923

REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE

Edward B. Brown, P. D. D. G. M., Chairman

To the President of the Board of General Purposes:—

Owing to circumstances which made it impossible for R.W. Bro. E. B. Brown to review the Fraternal Correspondence this year, the work has been divided among several brethren, and their reviews are hereby respectfully submitted.

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2. Alberta.....1922	19. Iowa.....1922
3. Arizona.....1921	20. Ireland.....1922
4. Arkansas.....1922	21. Jugo-Slovakia.....1922
5. British Columbia 1922	22. Kansas.....1922
6. California.....1922	23. Kentucky.....1921
7. Colorado.....1922	24. Kentucky.....1922
8. Columbia(Dist.of)1921	25. Louisiana.....1923
9. Columbia(Dist.of)1922	26. Maine.....1922
10. Connecticut.....1922	27. Manitoba.....1922
11. Delaware.....1922	28. Maryland.....1922
12. England.....1922	29. Massachusetts.....1921
13. Florida.....1921	30. Michigan.....1922
14. Florida.....1922	31. Minnesota.....1923
15. Georgia.....1922	32. Missouri.....1922
16. Idaho.....1922	33. Nebraska.....1922
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35. New Hampshire.....1922	50. Rhode Island.....1922
36. New Jersey.....1922	51. Saskatchewan.....1922
37. New Mexico.....1922	52. Scotland.....1923
38. New South Wales...1922	53. South Australia ..1922
39. New York.....1922	54. South Carolina.....1922
40. North Carolina.....1922	55. South Dakota.....1922
41. North Dakota.....1922	56. Tasmania.....1921
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43. Ohio.....1922	58. Tennessee.....1922
44. Oklahoma.....1922	59. Texas.....1922
45. Oregon.....1922	60. Vermont.....1922
46. Pennsylvania.....1922	61. Virginia.....1922
47. Prince Ed. Is'd.....1922	62. Washington.....1922
48. Quebec.....1922	63. Western Australia.1922
49. Quebec.....1923	64. West Virginia.....1922

ALABAMA

The one hundred and second communication of the Grand Lodge of Alabama convened in Montgomery, Ala., on Dec. 6th, 1922. M. W. Bro. Julian F. Spearman being Grand Master and W. Bro. Geo. A. Beauchamp, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master in his address gave a brief biography of M. W. Bro. Geo. Paul Harrison who was summoned above on July 17th, 1922, and referred feelingly to a list of others who were likewise promoted.

“And tho’ the warrior’s sun has set
Its light shall linger round us yet
Bright, radiant, blest.”

The Grand Master made the following suggestion, which shows the active part some Grand Lodges are taking in practical politics, wisely or not.

Masonry is always ready to lend its aid to any movement that will advance the cause of education, and is more especially concerned in the success and upbuilding of those institutions in our state, which are engaged in fitting our own boys and girls for the duties of life. A movement is now on foot to induce the coming legislature to take such measures as will enable those in charge of it to put the Alabama Girls’ Industrial School at Montevallo among the Grade “A” Schools. I recommend that this Grand Lodge pass appropriate resolutions endorsing this movement and urging the legislature of Alabama to enact such laws as will secure this purpose.

The Masonic Home in Montgomery is a matter of both concern and interest to Grand Lodge. The following paragraph is from a circular letter sent by the G. M. to all subordinate lodges in May, 1922.

Anniston, Alabama, May 20, 1922.

To the Worshipful Masters, Wardens and Brethren of the Subordinate Lodges within this Grand Jurisdiction:

As we approach the end of the Masonic year, may I ask has your lodge contributed to our Masonic Home as liberally as it should? It is my desire that your lodge at the time of your annual election make as large a contribution as possible to this splendid institution. If your treasury is not in condition to warrant as large a contribution as you think you ought to make, my suggestion is that you receive voluntary contributions from the brethren and also

appoint a committee and make personal canvass of your membership and send in a donation that will be in keeping with your Lodge. In making this contribution, I trust that you will ever bear in mind the many blessings that you have received; that you will think of your own loved ones as compared to those who were forced to go to the Home, and that you will remember that without your love and aid they would be destitute and helpless.

There is a large family of 346 old folks and children looked after in the Home, so it is worthy of effort.

An interesting ceremony is the visitation of a travelling Bible in the subordinate lodges. One Master Mason is raised on it at each lodge where it visits, and then it is sent forward on its journey. Two lodges in Alabama enjoyed this ceremony during the year.

The Committee on Foreign correspondence made a splendid effort to enlarge the limits of recognized Masonry. An investigation was made into every known Masonic Jurisdiction and a full and detailed account is given of the correspondence and the findings. Of particular interest is the report on the Grand Orient of France in which the candidate is not required to declare belief in God, and in which the Bible is not found upon the altar. The conclusion at which the committee arrive is that neither of these things belong to the "Landmarks" of Masonry. We would add a very good note of Robert Peel, which is the real reason for requiring these things on the part of a candidate. "It is not prudent, as a rule, to trust yourself to any man who tells you that he does not believe in God, or in the future after death". The following was recommended by the Committee:

Resolved, "That the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Alabama hereby recognizes the Grand Orient of France as a regular, sovereign and independent governing body of Symbolic Freemasonry and we authorize and direct the Grand Master to arrange for an exchange of Representatives." (Submitted and adopted December, 1919).

Without referring to the whole list, the committee recommend recognition of Denmark, Holland, Austria, Belgium, Luxemburg, Switzerland and Italy and leave in abeyance Norway and Sweden, Germany, Spain and

Portugal. The Report is voluminous and represents a great deal of labour on the part of members of the committee and all English speaking Grand Jurisdictions are under a debt to the Grand Lodge of Alabama for this painstaking piece of work. Bro. Oliver D. Street in an address at Bessemer Lodge, No. 458, said in connection with the aim of the committee:

We read in our Monitors and in the effusions of Masonic orators of the "Universality of Masonry" and how that Masonry "unites men of every country, sect and opinion." We are told that in the great cities, that in the depths of the forests of Africa and South America, that on the vast steppes of Asia, and on the plains and deserts of Arabia, Masons are everywhere, ready to make themselves known by the familiar words, signs and tokens and to extend succor and relief even at the peril of their own lives. We stare and our bosoms heave with pride that we belong to so beneficent and so universal a brotherhood. It is a beautiful fiction which it is a pity to destroy, but the lamentable fact is there is not a word of truth in it.

And again:

The intolerance on the part of many Masons and Masonic bodies towards others claiming to be Masonic is so extreme that they frown even on any suggestion of getting acquainted or of even conferring together. So illiberal is this attitude of aloofness that nearly all of our American Grand Lodges would draw their Pharisaical robes around them and spurn with contempt any suggestion of a World Masonic Conference, or any other movement which would bring together with them Masons or bodies which they have not already formally recognized as legitimate and regular Freemasonry. In other words we will have nothing to do with men or organizations which are not already perfect according to our standards and which consequently already need no help from us and from whom, of course we ourselves need no help. Self-sufficient in our own conceit, we will not admit that we can learn anything of value from the Masons of other countries and in our smug complacency we say that they are "impossible" as Masons. It is precisely the same mental attitude of Greek toward barbarian, Ancient Hebrew toward Gentile, Pharisee toward Samaritan which we so unsparingly condemn in others, but which we, like them, can not see in ourselves.

R. C. B.

ALBERTA

The seventeenth Annual Communication was held in Edmonton, June 14th, 1922. The Grand Master, J. Watson Younge, was on the Throne.

The Grand Master in his address lauded the work of the Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor, whom the manifold duties of Grand Secretary, of Custodian of the Work, of Secretary of the Board of General Purposes, Chairman of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence and Secretary of Benevolence Committee have only made more genial and popular. Eight new lodges were consecrated and seven more were instituted during the year.

The Grand Master commented on the carefulness exercised in admitting members. Out of 1,239 petitions received by lodges in 1921, 218 were rejected.

The Grand Master reported that he had visited 41 lodges, of which there are 129 altogether. He travelled almost 9,000 miles. He personally attended 13 Lodges of Instruction in thirteen different districts.

Grand Lodge has fourteen circulating libraries which are sent out to lodges and they are constantly in use. Grand Lodge also owns a special reference library to which some 80 volumes were added during the year.

The reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters are printed as in our own Proceedings. The benefit of the practice seems very questionable. What especial good is done by recording the visit by visit to the several lodges, even though the D.D.G.M. naturally feels under obligation to make some visible acknowledgment of the courtesy of the brethren, who attended him or received him or fed him?

Gross revenue for the year was \$12,345.00; Expenditures, \$9,846.00.

Number of lodges, 129.

Membership (Dec. 31st, 1921), 11,405.

M.W. Bro. F. S. Selwood, Calgary, Grand Master.

M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor, Calgary, Grand Secretary.

W.M.L.

ARIZONA

Grand Lodge of Arizona met for the 40th Annual Communication in the city of Tucson, Feb. 14th, 1922, M.W. Bro. Frank Goldwin Brown, presiding. A fine portrait of the Grand Master adorns the fly-leaf of the report of the proceedings. The Grand Lodge of Canada had the honor of having for its representative the Brother who was elected Grand Master for the ensuing year, R.W. Louis G. Moyers.

The Grand Master in opening his address made the following pertinent remark:

My recommendations are few, because I am convinced, after covering practically the whole State on my journeyings during the year, that we need education in connection with our existing laws far more than we need additional legislation. If some means could be devised to arouse sufficient interest among the Brethren, particularly the officers of our Lodges, in our Constitution that they might become familiar with our present laws and regulations, there would be little need of decisions, new regulations or new legislation.

As many as seventy-three sister Grand Lodges requested the conferring of degrees in the Grand jurisdiction, and thirty such requests were made in its behalf. The Grand Master visited all constituent lodges but two, a pretty large contract. There are only thirty-one lodges, but the distances are tremendous. We appreciate the splendid note of Masonic harmony which is apparent in this address.

I found no dissension nor strife in any Lodge visited and peace and harmony seem to prevail all through the jurisdiction. Meetings that were very satisfactory to the Grand Master were held in every Lodge visited, in most cases numbers of the Brethren came from neighboring Lodges, from a distance of a few miles in some places to as far as perhaps forty miles in one place. Proper respect for the office of Grand Master was displayed in every Lodge.

This further confirms our view that Grand Lodge Jurisdictions as well as subordinate lodges may readily become unwieldy. This Grand Lodges is an ardent exponent of study clubs in private lodges, and out of his experience the Grand Master advises as follows:

It is apparent to me that if this work is to be carried to a successful conclusion it will take a great deal of encouragement and

inspiration from some source and, based on my experience of the past year, I am of the opinion that possibly it is loading too much on your Grand Master to ask him to handle the matter, in addition to the already heavy duties of his office, and that it might be better to have a committee on Masonic Education take over the work. I offer this as a suggestion and not as a recommendation.

His reply to a request for the formation of a Masonic club shows this Grand Master to be a wise leader and director of the current of Masonic life.

"You state that a number of the brethren at Oatman desire to form a Masonic Club, I do not see any objection to forming such a Club, providing every man belonging shall be a Master Mason in good standing and at which only Master Masons in good standing shall be allowed to visit, but they will have no right, as a Club, to do any Masonic work nor to practice any of the secret work. They may take up the study of the written work or history of the Fraternity. Any quarters suitable for club purposes will be all right but it must be distinctly understood that the Club is not authorized to use and must not use the word 'Masonic' in its name."

A curious practice comes to light which also receives a wise ruling. Such a practice would soon become a custom and would lead to and encourage slothfulness in regard to the work.

It has come to my attention that in a few instances Lodges have been called off to subsequent days, instead of closing at the conclusion of the meeting. The Master has the right to call off the Lodge at his pleasure; the adjournment of a Lodge is unknown to Masonry. A Lodge should be either closed or called off, and as a Lodge has only one stated meeting a month, and a called or special meeting must be for some set date, calling off for a longer period than the day set is unmasonic and may be productive of much evil. Many of the Grand Lodges have positive rulings or written law on this subject but even where no written law appears it seems to be the general opinion that each Lodge must be closed when the business for which it was called is concluded, and the Lodge should be regularly closed before the Brethren disperse.

Three dispensations for new lodges were granted. In Dec., 1921 there were 4,360 Master Masons, an increase of 529 over the previous year.

By a generous bequest on the part of Livinia B. Steward a beautiful home was left to Grand Lodge for the accomodation of Tubercular patients.

The Grand Treasurer reported \$60,000 in general fund of Masonic Home and an endowment of \$69,746.90. This is splendid work for the comparatively small number of Masons, in Arizona. The following regulation by Grand Lodge will be of interest. We recommend it to the serious consideration of our own Grand Lodge.

Regulation No. 2.

Resolved, "That hereafter there shall be no fee for affiliation within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, and all subordinate Lodges are hereby ordered to strike same from the By-Laws of their respective Lodges, and confine themselves exclusively to Part VI, Article V, Section 167, of our Constitution and By-Laws."

The S. Grand Warden, Hubert M. Poleat gave a stirring address on socialism from which we furnish the following paragraph.

In the next place, the socialists teach that marriage and the home are relics of a capitalistic and barbarous past. Hear one of their spokesmen: "Socialism annihilates family life. . . . With the abolition of private property, marriage in its present form must disappear. This is part of the program." Most socialist writers tread lightly here, and well they may! The gentleman I have quoted is, therefore, to be thanked for his frankness, for he shows us what we may really expect when the socialistic millennium comes. This poisonous view of the holiest things in our earthly life is enough, of itself, to damn socialism to the bottomless pit. But I proceed to my last two points.

Hear this scintillating jewel of socialistic wisdom: "The chief advantage that would result from the establishment of socialism is undoubtedly, the fact that socialism would relieve us from that sordid necessity of living for others, which, in the present condition of things, presses so hardly upon almost everybody." The same inspired author also opines that "the majority of people spoil their lives by an unhealthy and exaggerated altruism," and that "charity creates a multitude of sins." Choose ye this day whom ye will follow: the socialist, or the Man of Galilee, who said, "Whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water . . . shall in no wise lose his reward!" When machinery takes the place of generosity, when free love drives out the home, when "socialized industry" is substituted for pity and mercy,—when socialism murders altruism,—then I pray that the Almighty will see fit to call me out of this world, for hell will then have set up its fiery throne here, and chaos and night and the socialists will hold high festival amid the wreck and ruin of civilization.

R. C. B.

ARKANSAS

There were two emergent communications of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas on May 11th and 12th respectively. The eighty-first annual was held on Nov. 21st, 1922, at Little Rock, Arkansas, M.W. Bro. Leonidas Kirby, Grand Master, presiding.

The Grand Master opened his address with the following striking paragraph:

The German Empire, great in its power, and considering the crowded condition of its population, had the most efficient of people in the world, yet the destructive forces of pride and avarice begat the ruthlessness, which as a cancer destroyed the Empire and endangered the entire world.

How shall we maintain our Ancient and Honorable fraternity from the destructive forces that constantly gnaw at the life of all things human?

One thing is to know the danger.

We know Masonry flourishes best where the people are the most intelligent, are prosperous and have liberty. We know that these conditions are at their best in this beloved land of ours. Let us continue that beneficent work to maintain and improve those conditions. The World War increased the indifference of those who are careless as to the maintaining of our Government, while still worse the War intensified and multiplied the vicious forces of hate which with propaganda and other means are trying to destroy our institutions and government. As Masons we have cause to be proud of the fact that members of our craft constituted the majority of the leaders in the work which secured the independence and the Constitution under which we have attained our present commanding position and the happiness of our people.

Then it behooves us as Masons, as it were the heirs of the efforts of our forefathers to maintain this Government, as was intended by those who founded it. The God in whom we trust rules!

He touched upon many subjects of importance to Masonry and reported a year of arduous labour. The following note on educational values we must find place for.

As stated above, our social system is becoming more and more complex—our luxuries of to-day become the necessities of to-morrow, our wants are multiplied. The beasts and fowls have leaders, even

so it is with men. The more complex our social and political systems the more leaders we need. Leaders to be properly qualified must be educated. Those who follow, to follow well must be educated. In times past the masses and governments failed to educate, the church failed, for it failed to furnish but a few educated people, and they were imbued with ideas of superiority and exercised their privileges and power over the masses. We must then turn to a universal education. This we have in our public school system, which so aptly illustrated the Masonic principle of equality.

The charitable activities of Grand Lodge are carried on by a Pension Board to which all appeals are referred. \$7,000.00 were voted for the year's expenditure. Two lodges received dispensations, and two charters were arrested.

The De Molay Boys are strong in this State, and recognized by Grand Lodge.

The Grand Secretary reported handling during the year \$65,057.30.

An excellent Masonic Home and School is maintained about which the Board of Trustees writes as follows:

We present for your consideration our Thirteenth Annual Report. There has been a net increase of six in the population of the Home during the year—nineteen having been received and thirteen released. Since its establishment, more than 250 needy children have found a home here, and that care and opportunity has meant nearly everything to them that is worth while in life.

Cost of maintenance and improvements \$37,725.43.

Membership in the Masonic Service Association was voted.

The Grand Master, R. W. Bro. Edward F. McDonald gave an elegant address on Service from which we quote as follows:

These men are Masons; and he it is—a Mason—who never fails a friend, nor engages against a foe but squarely; who, recognizing the equality of man and woman, yet never fails to remember that she belongs to his mother's sex; who tempers the trend of the times with the chivalry of days gone by. He it is who is never out of place with the lowly, no matter how he has walked with the peers. He

lets you learn of the heroic things about him rather than tell them himself. Such a one stands up for his friend in public but calls him to task in private. Nor does he seek to know what you do not wish to tell him. He it is that realizes that marriage involves two and not one. He is always the man "higher up" who grasps the hand of the fellow "lower down". He understands that to be honest is not a virtue but an innate quality that must be commended. He refuses to live on the labor of others and knows that kindness is the keynote of life. He never neglects his wife on the excuse that she does not understand him. He always overlooks trifles that if argued become magnified, and, most of all, a Mason proves himself one by actions rather than by words.

The Grand Master appointed a committee to ascertain what arrangements could be made with hospitals for special care of indigent sick members of the fraternity.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence recommend recognition of Honduras, Argentina, Salvador and the Grand Lodge of the Republic of Columbia.

There is not any individual report of foreign jurisdictions, but a summing up of impressions which contains a multum in parvo of timely suggestions.

In checking over the proceedings of other Grand Jurisdictions, we find in almost every one a note of warning and fear that with the multitude of work and candidates piling up on our Lodges that there is great danger of turning them into degree conferring machines and that we must in some way find time to inculcate into the minds of our young Masons those high ideals for which Masonry stands and teach each one of them that upon them rests responsibilities pointing to that higher goal.

There is reported to be an old Chinese proverb which says that "one clock which is right is good to set many watches by, but one that is wrong may set an entire community wrong." If this quotation comes from a heathen nation or was originated by the highest type of civilized man, it is a good example to keep before us at this time when it is very popular for many men to seek admission to our Masonic body. We have plenty of education to do within our present ranks, without taking in some one who might set the whole community wrong.

We also note in most of the addresses of the Grand Masters, before their various Grand Lodges, a note of warning regarding those who seem to care more for charms and buttons, and their ability to boast of the degrees they have received, than they boast or think of the beautiful lessons taught in the various degrees.

Why is it so many Masons continue to think that Masonry was not only brought into being, but continues to exist, for the sake of the ritual and for that alone? All they seem to talk about, or think about, or care about is 'getting the work.' In their effort to become perfect in the letter of the ritual they would fain memorize the punctuation marks if that were possible. Among them that man is the best Mason who comes nearest a phonograph in the perfection of his word memory. All too few of them make much, if any, effort to understand the spirit of the ritual or to let that spirit have its perfect work in their thoughts and lives. Ask one of these what a certain part or phase of the ritual means, and he is not only at a loss to know, but even wonders what is the matter with you, that you should think it really had a meaning, or that he ought to know that meaning. He has accurately committed his lines, repeated them without mistake, and for him that's enough. And if he can say them with fewer errors than you can, he thinks himself a better Mason than you are—despite the fact that he has little or no idea what those words mean.

"Is Masonry an institution that exists for the sole purpose of putting a premium upon the mere ability to memorize?"

"What a wonderful world this would be—what a heaven-life we would have on earth—if every Mason would try half as hard to know the meaning, and to live it, as he does to get the words of the ritual."

R. C. B.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

The fifty-first annual Communication was opened on the 22nd of June, 1922, at Prince Rupert by the Grand Master, M. W. Brother Wallace S. Terry.

The Grand Master notes with regret the death of several distinguished craftsmen, mentioning particularly the loss during the year of four of the pioneers who were present at the formation of Grand Lodge fifty-one years ago, and who took part in the celebration of its fiftieth anniversary in 1921.

Continued friendly and fraternal relations are reported between Grand Lodge and other jurisdictions, and a number of rulings given—the majority of them on the matter of "physical disability"—are reported and confirmed by Grand Lodge.

Among the official visits mentioned, not the least

interesting is that of the Grand Master to Lafayette Lodge No. 241, G. R., Washington, a visit which he felt could not fail to "promote and encourage" a spirit of international fraternity between the two peoples.

Among the special topics discussed in the address are the Charity Fund, Rituals, Masonic War Relief, Annual Dues, and the Registration of Members, and Elections at Grand Lodge.

British Columbia sanctions and recognizes three different rituals, and it is not surprising that there should be a certain amount of confusion and lack of uniformity in the work. The Grand Master suggests some plan whereby schools of instruction might be held, say, at the annual communication, and perhaps during the winter months, or the appointment of certain skilled ritualists as instructors. The Committee on the address hesitated to make any recommendation on the point, but our own experience leads us to believe that no more effective remedy can be found than Schools or Lodges of Instruction.

The statistical reports show a total membership of 11,033, representing a net gain of 921 for the year. Dispensations were granted for two new lodges, and a resolution was carried granting recognition to the United Grand Lodge of Queensland.

The reports of the District Deputy Grand Master are, as usual, very complete, and deal very fully with the condition of the Craft throughout the Province.

The Grand Historian, R. W. Brother Burns, contributes a brief report giving a short account of the early history of some of the lodges not previously dealt with, and, along the same line, there appear in the proceedings two photographs, one of the Masonic Hall at Barkerville, said to be the oldest Masonic hall in British Columbia, bearing date 1869. This hall was built, however, to replace an earlier structure which was destroyed by fire in 1868. And on another page of the proceedings there appears a photograph of an

open-air lodge meeting, said to have been held on a mountain top near Barkerville between the destruction of the first hall and the building of the second.

R. W. Brother De Wolf Smith, the Grand Secretary, again read the report on foreign correspondence. The Grand Secretary has a very charming literary style and is very happy in his quotations and comments. He deals at some length with our own proceedings in 1921, and his discussion of them is very interesting. We commend the whole report.

At the Elections M. W. Brother A. McC. Creery was elected Grand Master. R. W. Brother De Wolf Smith was re-elected Grand Secretary, and New Westminster was selected as the place of meeting for 1923.

J. A. R.

CALIFORNIA

The Seventy-Second Annual Communication met in the Masonic Temple, San Francisco, Tuesday, Oct. 11th, 1921. The M.W. George Frederick Rodden, Grand Master presided, V.W. Bro. John Whitcher, being Grand Secretary. Total membership of the Grand Jurisdiction, 85,000 including an increase of 9,198.

With respect to the spirit of Masonry the Grand Master says:

Wheresoever I have gone—and my year has been very full—there were to be found the same reverence for our established principles, the same eagerness in proffered service, recognition of civic and domestic duties and pride in their performance, obedience to the laws of the Fraternity and fealty to its duly constituted representatives.

These are fine words.

It will interest Canadian Masons to know that there are two Grand Lodges in Mexico: the York G. L. of Mexico and the G. L. Valle de Mexico. Recognition is extended to one or other of these bodies by various States. Some recognize neither of them. A serious

effort is being made by the Grand Lodge of Texas to bring about Masonic harmony in that country and so assist in stabilizing life generally. The Border States were invited by Texas to co-operate in this desirable enterprise. The report of the effort covers a brief history of Masonry in Mexico and shows much bitterness and misunderstanding in which the Scottish Rite was involved. Note the result.

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of California does hereby express the hope that a solution may be found for the problems now confronting Ancient Craft Masonry in the Republic of Mexico, and that harmony may be restored; and commending the fraternal spirit which prompted the Grand Master of the York Grand Lodge and his brethren to adopt the suggestions and recommendations of the Texas Commission for a merger with the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico, and confirming the assurance given at that time by the representatives of the Grand Master of Masons in California, together with the Texas Commission and the Grand Master of Louisiana. Be it further

Resolved, That in the event of a merger of the York Grand Lodge of Mexico with the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico and the organization thereby of a new Grand Lodge in the Republic of Mexico, the fraternal recognition hereby extended the York Grand Lodge of Mexico be deemed to be extended the new Grand Lodge so formed, under whatever name it may be known.

Adopted.

Grand Lodge does not cherish a high opinion of the Masonic Service Association as at present constituted. The note of criticism is struck in the following by a delegate who attended the annual meeting.

But there was lack of unanimity, so far as the speeches indicated, as to just what line of operation should be pursued. Several eloquent brethren expressed the notion that we ought to "swat" the Pope; others that we as Masons should take an active part in politics and see that none but Masons should be elected to public office; one frankly questioned the practicability of the organization. However, a considerable sentiment appeared to be that the Association should confine its activities to an endeavor to inspire Masons to develop in their respective Grand Jurisdictions, through agencies already established, a clearer understanding of what Masonry is and for what it stands—and if the Association would hold to this broad proposition we could commend it to your favorable consideration.

We are all familiar with the tendency on the part of some to use the ballot to satisfy personal grudges.

Like any other useful thing it is subject to abuse. California, like Ontario, has experience in this regard.

By the Grand Master:

I sincerely hope that your suspicion that some of the brethren are using the ballot box adversely for personal reasons proves to be unfounded, for I know of nothing so unworthy. I find it hard to believe that any one who has gained admission into a Masonic Lodge—who has been, for even a short time, under the influence of Masonic teaching, could so prostitute the high privilege that is his. It is my firm conviction that any one who uses the ballot box for the despicable purpose of wreaking a personal spite or executing a personal vengeance is wholly unfit for Masonic association and unworthy to breathe a Masonic atmosphere. And I will add that, if the conditions maintain so long in your lodge as to justify the suspicion that your views are correct, I shall not hesitate to take drastic steps to bring them to a conclusion.

The danger of clubs and societies which exploit Masonry for their own ends is observed in California as elsewhere. The G.M. refers to sciotism, members of which he says are banded together to boost one another and take an oath to do so. Such organizations, it was plainly stated, are in violation of the principles of Masonry and their members were violating their Masonic obligation.

Twenty new lodges were constituted.

Two Masonic Homes are maintained, one for adults and one for children. Three new buildings were erected in connection with the children's home, including a vocational training department for boys and a domestic science for girls. The adult Home has had additions amounting to \$250,000. As is usual there is a per capita tax on the membership of the State. Each candidate has to pay an admission fee of \$20.00 for the purpose—a good practical lesson in benevolence.

In the Home for adults, were 87 men and 59 women and in the Children's 38 boys and 41 girls.

75 pages of the report are given to the Homes.

There are in the State seven Masonic Boards of Relief. The San Diego Board, for instance, expended

\$17,478.48. The employment bureau offered work to 1,247 brethren of which 1,071 were accepted. Truly the very highest admiration of Masons everywhere goes to the Grand Lodge of California for its noble work.

The Grand oration was delivered by Bro. Harvey D. Loveland. It has seldom been our privilege to read so learned and so eloquent an address on the principles and influence of Masonry. He chose for his text a definition of science as "knowledge classified and made available in work, in life and in search for truth." It is paraphrased "as the science of life or of living as the Great Architect intended man should live as a free man, free in all that term implies, and rich in that freedom, because of having earned and not inherited it."

"Speculative Masonry is a metaphysical science producing knowledge classified and made available in the study of life and in the search for truth."

The claim that Freemasonry is a science, the science of proper relationship to God and to our fellowman, is proven by the fact that its every urge and influence is toward higher and better ideals, purer and nobler living. In other words, it seeks to insure that each of its members be not less a man than God and nature intended he should be, without fear and above reproach.

It does not claim to be a religion, yet the eternal truths underlying religion, pure and undefiled, are basic and fundamental to our noble science. It demands of its initiates, before being admitted to its fellowship, the same belief in God, the Supreme Grand Architect of the Universe, that is demanded by the church of him who professes religion, before the sacred rites of baptism are administered; and of its members, although without sacrament, the same purity of life and conduct as the church requires of its communicants.

Sir Francis Bacon, admittedly one of the deepest thinkers of the past, thus describes the result of the search for truth in analyzing science and religion: "A little science inclineth man's mind to atheism, but depth in pilosophy bringeth men's minds about to religion." Merely the spirit of prophecy, which in all ages has helped the finite mind of man to discover the beauties of the unseen, inspired the philosopher as he thus proclaimed the bands that wedded science and religion.

The greatest depth of Masonic secrecy is the unpublished act of doing good."

In conclusion:

In that spirit may we discharge every duty which we owe to God, to our country, to our fellowman and to ourselves, thereby helping to build in the heart of each one of us a temple "not made with hands." And when the summons shall come, as it must come to all, to suffer the pangs of dissolving nature, and we drift down into the dark valley of the shadow of eternity to the side of the tideless river, from the shining farther shore may we hear our names enrolled in that Grand Lodge over which the Supreme Grand Master forever presides, as there comes to us the glorious realization that death is not the end of all, but only the end of an earthly day and the beginning of a day that will know no end.

The Committee on Jurisprudence endorsed the ruling of the Grand Master that one who has recommended a petitioner for the degrees by signing the petition cannot afterwards withdraw his name when he finds that it has been reported on favourably by an investigating committee, and about to be voted on in lodge.

The Grand Master worked steadily on a program of Masonic education. The feeling is strong among leaders of the Craft that members should have the principles of Masonry more impressively set before them than is possible in the ordinary work of the lodge. Life should be more vitally influenced and ideals exalted than is commonly being done. The aim is to cultivate the rough ashlar into the more perfect and so produce better men and better citizens. There should be everywhere a constructive effort to widen the scope of Masonic influence, moral and intellectual, which is the peculiar privilege of the Craft.

The Committee on policy recommended recognition of the Grand Lodge of Queensland, but not that of Equador and Guatamala. It also advised the expenditure of not more than 20% of income in refreshments, and that the use of the word Masonic in business enterprises should be prohibited.

R. C. B.

COLORADO

The Grand Lodge of Colorado has for Grand Master a brother who is an educationist of first rank and also an

eminent legal practitioner. He is a Mason of rare qualities and brings dignity and distinction to the Craft over which he rules—Edward Payne Hufferd.

The 62nd Annual Communication was held in Denver, Colorado, Sept. 19th, 1922, M.W. Bro. Marshall Van Fleet, Grand Master, presiding. Bro. William W. Cooper being Grand Secretary.

There were 18 special communications, which indicate at the outset what a busy year the Grand Master had and the size and importance of the Grand Jurisdiction.

A list of deceased Grand Masters appears immediately before the regular proceedings. Representatives of 45 Jurisdictions were welcomed. The Grand Master's address is a careful record of much work well and faithfully done. He succeeded in visiting every one of the 136 lodges in his Jurisdiction, in itself a stupendous task. He writes:

I have been met at all times with the hand of welcome, and the true spirit of fraternity has been extended to me on all occasions. To me the year has been one of great pleasure and education, and my only regret is that I could not have had this experience forty years ago when I was beginning my Masonic activities. But few imperfect ashlar have been found, and I have done my best to square those. How well I have succeeded is for you to judge. I trust you will be charitable with my mistakes. I desire no praise for that which you approve.

Masonic relief is carried on through a fund instituted for that purpose in 1900. The capital account now amounts to \$76,000.00, the cost of administration being negligible.

The Grand Chapter and Commandery co-operate in the beneficent work. There is also a Soldier Masons war-relief fund which has not been called for to any extent so far, and an effort is being made to have it used for a Masonic Home.

In Bro. Van Fleet we have a ruler of the Craft who has the courage to differ with most of his contemporaries. He has the following with respect to the De Molay boys,

which organization has been commended very generally. That there is much truth in this statement few intelligent Masons who discern the signs of the times will doubt.

Strong as Masonry is, it is questionable whether it can carry the weight of all the societies that are trying to build upon it, and the line must be drawn somewhere. Organizations, are springing up nearly every day, trying to attach themselves in some manner to the Ancient Craft.. If we recognize an organization of boys, we shall soon be called upon to foster societies of girls; and it is even reported that some enterprising organizer is preparing to form a society for infants. We seem to have lost sight of the fact that up to comparatively recent times, Freemasonry was presumed to deal with the individual, to develop his character, so that his conduct with his fellow men and the world would be better because of the fact that he was a Mason.

He also has a significant note on the size of lodges.

I am inclined to believe that some of our Lodges are too large, top-heavy with members as it were. One of the great objects of our Craft is sociability, and when a Lodge reaches the size where none of its officers are acquainted with all of its members; I do not believe that that Lodge can function properly. I therefore recommend that a committee be appointed to take under consideration and report at our next annual Communication as to the advisability of limiting the membership of Lodges in this Jurisdiction to not more than five hundred members to a Lodge.

The Grand Secretary reports receipts from lodges for dues amounting to \$23,754.00

Bro. S. C. Warner reported on Fraternal Correspondence, and again his opinions seem to us to reflect what is in keeping with the traditions of Masonry as against the policy of most jurisdictions in the United States.

Anglo-Saxon Masonry has always taken a position adverse to any attempt to enter the political field, but many of our Grand Lodges have taken occasion to express their views upon matters which are at present under consideration in the legislative halls of our country. The advisability of action in any such matters is questionable. The educational question seems to be the chief subject upon which some of our people desire to place themselves on record. Even the political expediency of such a move is a matter of doubt. Anglo-Saxon Masonry has exercised its influence in the past by the education and training of its members, leaving all such matters thereafter to individual action.

The recognition of Latin Grand Lodges was deferred.

Bro. Frank S. Mirick, Grand Orator, maintained the high traditions of that office. We furnish a paragraph to show how this brother reacts to the spirit of Masonry.

Free Masonry is out of necessity an aid to every association of man whose purpose is the amelioration of the Human Family. It has no dogma, no bigotry and no ism to cloud, to darken and to restrict its human work, or to limit the splendor of its glorious achievements in the cause of humanity. It is an institution destined to endure through the long lapse of ages, a venerable fabric which time cannot weaken, nor persecution shake, nor revolutions change. Kingdoms and Empires have been entombed in the cemetery of time; thrones have crumbled into dust; kings and nations have mouldered away; but through all these vicissitudes Masonry has endured and stands to-day like a golden monument in the value of humanity, against which the surging waves of the ocean of time dash, but to brighten its luster.

Morality and humanity are her foundations; Truth and Virtue are her pillars of strength, and Brotherly Love is the high priest that ministers at her altars. It is the prayer of Masonry that peace and love should destroy discord and war and enthrone concord and humanity in all the nations of the earth.

The pyramids will crumble into dust and be forgotten; the proudest nations whose conquering eagles have defied continents will pass away; the brightest stars will cease to shine; but the moral and humane principles of Love upon which the institution of Masonry is founded will remain to bless mankind forever.

The address has for its subject "love," and it is only space forbids our quoting at greater length. It is one of the finest encomiums on that Masonic virtue we ever read. We cannot resist quoting one other paragraph in the confidence that it will delight the discriminating reader:

Love should be the priest that woos us to the altar. It subdues the passions, chains and drives the fiends of slander, hate and vengeance from the heart and brain, and liberates the angels of Masonry—Faith, Hope and Charity. Love is the Spirit of God. It is the great Masonic light, the square and compass of the human heart, the star that leads the wise man to the East and it places o'er the Master's Chair the letter "G" in which we see in every ray of light the sweet assurance of our Father's love. Love plants the acacia at the head of the grave. It kisses death's cold lips, and reaches beyond the grave to its goal above the skies. Love is the fountain

of all life, the soul of all things human or divine. The world's heroes in poetry, philosophy, mechanics and reform have been heroic because all-absorbing love was their guide to the ideal which God planted in their souls.

One report of proceedings contains an interesting chart showing the genealogy of all the Grand Lodges in the United States.

R. C. B.

COLUMBIA (District of)

The Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia for 1921, was held in Washington, D.C. The report opens with a splendid photogravure of the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Charles J. O'Neil. There were four special communications and two stated ones during the year. The latter on May 11th, 1921, was important. It considered cases of Masonic Trials, one particularly by a commission. Because there appeared irregularity owing to a conflict between the rights of the private lodge and the rights of the commission it was deemed expedient to have Grand Lodge act immediately. The matter of a Masonic Temple at the Capital came up for consideration. A resolution against smoking in private lodges during time of labour was passed.

The Grand Master's address at the regular communication held on May 21st, 1921, was unusually brief, but the volume of proceedings is a large and impressive one. His experience as Grand Master is to the effect, as is testified to by many others, that routine business consumes much time and energy that ought to be given to other matters.

He notes the large number of applications for membership, and sees a golden opportunity for Masonry to help mould those forces that make for the construction of social and political life to the end that war may be abolished and the concord of nations established.

Nineteen Past Masters whose influence and council are greatly missed have been summoned to the Grand Lodge above.

An interesting account is furnished of how the Bible was brought from St. John's Lodge, No. 1, to the Capital for the inauguration of President Harding.

By custom and tradition the Grand Master is supposed to visit all the lodges in the Jurisdiction in one and a half months, and to take with him the Grand Officers. Now that there are 33 lodges with the number increasing, more liberty is asked for the Grand Master to make his own arrangements unhampered by tradition.

One lodge requested information in the case of an Italian who applied for admission and who was qualified in every way except language. He could not speak English.

The reply was in the negative.

With respect to the ballot the Grand Master has the following:

It was called to my attention that several brethren of the jurisdiction and members of various lodges had signified their deliberate intention to prevent the operation of the collective ballot by casting a black-ball, not against any of the petitioners, but as an expression of opposition to the principle of the collective ballot. In the lodges where this disposition had been manifested, I admonished the brethren that such action on the part of any Mason would be a willful violation of the law of the Grand Lodge, and that any brother so offending should be placed on trial and, if found guilty punished accordingly. The proposition of any brother passing upon and rendering nugatory a law of the fraternity, under the pretext of the exercise of the right to vote as he sees fit, is intolerable and subversive of every Masonic principle.

A Masonic Home for old folks and children is maintained by Columbia, but they are all housed together. Plans are under way to add to the equipment so as to be able to separate them, and also to build a hospital. There is a Master's Association to which the Grand Master pays a warm tribute for faithful co-operation, and particularly in that they were able to realize \$14,845.71 from an annual base-ball game for the benefit of the Masonic Home. The O.E.S. also co-operate in the maintenance of the Home.

The Employment Bureau came in for much praise. Its scope is to be enlarged by the co-ordination of several Masonic and allied bodies.

He has the following in respect to Masonic Clubs about which there is much diversity of opinion.

The Grand Master desires to add his official approval and commendation of the great Masonic Club movement which the brethren of this jurisdiction have been so largely instrumental in bringing into a state of virile and beneficent activity all over the land. I am aware that opposition to the Masonic Club as a separate institution from the lodge has been voiced in some jurisdictions, but it is my sincere belief that the opposition has been founded on a false conception of the principles, objects and purposes of the Masonic Club, which are entirely constructive in their character and in every aspect supplement, strengthen and support the work of the lodges in spreading the doctrine of brotherly love, in affording immediate relief in many cases in which the lodge and its officers might be impotent, and in bringing about intimate acquaintance and establishing enduring friendship among brethren who might otherwise have been kept apart.

We note with astonishment the warm support the Grand Master affords the Masonic Mutual Life Association. We have, to the present, found some fifteen Grand Masters who have spoken strongly against all such insurance organizations and not one in favor of them.

The Grand Secretary, Bro. A. V. Johnston, reports lodge dues amounting to \$18,550.00, from 37 lodges and 8,671 members. By a curious coincidence the income for the New Temple amounted to exactly the same sum or else the figures have been copied by mistake. Total monies handled by Grand Secretary \$111,555.84. The O.E.S. is to be housed in the new building with all other allied branches of Masonry.

Bro. R. Gunn and Bro. Frank B. Curtis reported for the Masonic relief association of U.S. and Canada. There were not any representatives from Canada present. The distance, no doubt, accounted for their absence.

A full list of officers and members of all constituent lodges covers nearly 200 pages.

W. Bro. George W. Baird wrote on Foreign Correspondence, a report covering 160 pages including some 75 jurisdictions. It is a forceful and vigorous report in which discussion is freely given on a variety of topics, Masonic and otherwise. In connection with the sympathy shown by Alabama for the Armenians, he takes up the cudgels showing the Armenians to be as bad as the Turks and themselves the cause of most of the trouble. He is not alone in that and he has intimate personal knowledge.

Our Congress has appropriated \$20,000,000 to feed the starving Russians, people who have long since banished Masonry, and who are in a condition of anarchy, depravity and insolvency. American Grand Lodges have made appropriations for the "Far East," where there are no Masons that we can discover, nor are Masons recognized, and where we could never approve the life and customs of the people. Other Masons have "adopted" French orphans whom they have never seen nor expect to see, and of whom all they know is that they send a check for their support, which may be, and probably is, received by a Romish institution.

But what would he say were he to get such letter as we recently received from a French Mason soliciting Grand Lodge subscription to stock in a hotel he purposes building somewhere on the Riveira? The foreigners have been so successful in bleeding our Government that they feel at liberty to "touch" its Masons for loans and stock. Even Austria, which was so recently on the firing line against us, is enjoying "extended credits" totalling \$24,777,380.19, on which they have not even paid any interest.

Bro. Baird gave a characteristic account of the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario.

R. C. B.

COLUMBIA (District of)

This is the second report of Columbia, being for 1922. There were six special meetings and two stated ones during the year.

The 112th annual communication was held in Washington, D.C., Dec. 20th, 1922. M.W. Bro. Charles C. Coombs was presiding Grand Master, Bro. Arvine W. Johnson, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master has the following with respect to physical qualifications:

So many questions have been presented during the year as to the physical qualifications necessary for a petitioner to be accepted, that it is perfectly apparent the Craft are not conversant with what is required. In every case where request has been made for opinion as to obvious disqualification, I have consistently declined to depart in any way from the well-established fundamental regulation that no lodge can initiate a candidate who cannot literally conform to all the requirements of the Eighteenth Landmark, and who is without blemishes or deformities, and has the full and proper use of his limbs.

He makes the following significant suggestion:

With the belief that an amendment to the form of petition for the degrees to show whether the applicant holds, or has ever held membership in any other fraternal order or society, and if so the name of such fraternal order or society, would serve a useful purpose in the investigation of the applicant, I recommend that the following question be added to the form now in use: "Do you now or have you ever held membership in any other fraternal order, or society? If so, give name, place, and date of same." The desirability of this information in regard to an applicant is too obvious to need any detailed argument as to the reasons therefor, and I submit the recommendation without discussion.

Relief is administered by a Board.

I attended one of the Board's meetings and have kept its functions under observation throughout the year, and now that it has been of much benefit to the fraternity in that it not only aided the worthy distressed along true Masonic lines, quietly and effectively, but drove the impostor from our door, many of whom are going about the country imposing upon the Craft. This latter class is growing less year by year, owing to the co-operation of the Boards of Relief and lodges through the General Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada

Concerning the Masonic Temple the following occurs.

The year nineteen hundred and twenty-two will stand out in the history of this Grand Lodge as the year in which Masonry in this jurisdiction has undertaken a task that is attracting the attention and admiration of the Masonic world; that is, to erect a United Masonic Temple for the accommodation of all branches of the fraternity, and thus bring together the entire Masonic family in one great fraternal home on Temple Heights, located in the most beautiful section of the Nation's Capital.

At the dedication of the Temple the Grand Master gave expression to the following eloquent passage:

Look about you and behold the sylvan beauty of this spot, and the crowning eminence overlooking this great Capital city. It is most fitting that we should gather here today to celebrate an event of such mighty import in the annals of our fraternity, the consummation of the first step toward vesting in the Grand Lodge the title to this magnificent tract; which in the providence of God, it will hold forever. This is our "Mount Moriah," and on it the faith of 20,000 Master Masons is pledged to erect a Temple that will symbolize our vision of the greatness of our fraternity, and, like the Temple of Solomon of old, be dedicated to the Most High God.

On the same occasion Bro. Thomas E. Green said:

Mere construction has created shelters, defenses and treasure houses where were garnered and guarded the products and the essentials of material life. But architecture is something more. It has been, through all the centuries, the most constant expression of civilization. It is the faithful mirror of contemporary society and is at once the most material and the most ideal of the fine arts. Even the crumbling ruins of ages that are past and gone express in their still discernible outlines the soul of the life that brought them into being; and splintered columns, broken arches and crumbling frieze are syllables broken, and yet readable, that tell of the philosophy, the faith and the ideals of epochs that are forgotten in the flight of years.

George W. Baird wrote on Foreign Correspondence from which report Ontario is omitted.

R. C. B.

CONNECTICUT

The 134th Annual Communication was held in the Masonic Temple, Hartford, on Feb. 12th, 1922. M.W. Bro. Charles Winthrop Cramer, Grand Master, presiding, and W. Bro. George A. Kies filling the office of Secretary. There were three emergent communications during the year.

The Grand Master's address was a report of his stewardship, and represents a great amount of work accomplished. He advised that some lodges whose initiation fees were raised during the time of prosperity, when there was a large influx of members, might now reduce them so as to admit good men who are debarred

through financial stringency from entering. The re-echo of industrial depression observed in so many Grand Lodge reports is observed here also. On this side of the border we think times are most prosperous in United States. There is an interesting paragraph to Masons in Ontario which we pass on.

On this same principle, I believe that we all agree that the anti-liquor laws which are now part of our national law, should be supported in every instance, and that no opportunity should be given any one to point the accusing finger at us as a violator of this law.

Twenty-six dispensations were issued.

Four lodges are acting under dispensation.

The Masonic Service Association was presented in a favorable light needing only to be put into effect in private lodges to provide for an enlightened craft.

Included in the Grand Master's address is a review of the reports of the District Deputies. There are nine districts and the review of these reports is both pithy and comprehensive. It is rather a good way of getting the condition of Masonry in the Jurisdiction before Grand Lodge. Feeling reference was made to P. G. M. Rowland, who has been in charge of the Home among the Wallingford Hills for 21 years, but has recently retired. He is succeeded by P.G.M. Hallock, who is beloved and respected throughout the Jurisdiction.

A report of the Deputy Grand Master follows immediately after the Grand Master's—a very praiseworthy custom.

The Grand Treasurer reports \$34,234.00 raised for the Washington Memorial, and \$1,089.61 for European relief. For Masonic charity foundation the splendid sum of \$68,219.00 was received.

A resolution was submitted calling for the imposition of a fine upon subordinate lodges failing, before a given date, to respond to correspondence from Grand Lodge. Some such method might be adopted by other Grand

Lodges, for no other reason than to put a moral as well as a material value upon a virtue which ought to be recognized as Masonic. Some people can only measure moral values by material standards.

Nearly 100 pages are given to reports of individual lodges including the names of officers together with lists of initiates during the year.

W. Bro. Geo. A. Kies, P.G.M., the Grand Secretary wrote on Fraternal Correspondence. He has the secretarial habit of conciseness and brevity—a good thing when it comes to summarizing reports.

It may provide spice for the reader but we question the extent to which a reviewer is justified in criticizing the doings of other jurisdictions. He may suggest or he may express disapproval from his conception of Masonry, but the rights of Grand Jurisdictions while not impeccable are impregnable and ought to be recognized as supreme.

Bro. Streeter of Alabama attacks the Grand Lodge of Arizona for their attitude toward Mexican Masonry. He also takes upon himself to issue a diatribe against the league of nations. A most uncalled for criticism of the intelligence of the greatest statesmen in Europe, who know conditions first hand, as well as against the best thought in his own country. It is futile to exalt loyalty with one breath and with the next repudiate the solemn pledges of national executives. The Grand Lodge of Canada finds no place in this report. We presume it had not been received in time.

R. C. B.

DELAWARE

The one hundred and tenth Annual Communication of Grand Lodge was held at Wilmington, Delaware, on Oct. 4th, 1922. Grand Master George C. Williams presiding. There were two emergent communications during the year.

The Grand Master, in his address, noted the passing

of 14 Past Masters from the Terrestrial to the Celestial Lodge. He reported having visited every lodge in the Jurisdiction, which will indicate what a worker Bro. Williams is. It must be a great inspiration and encouragement to Masonry to have the Grand Master in every lodge sometime during the year. When the numbers multiply this becomes, of course, humanly impossible.

Delaware Grand Lodge is one of those that believe in Masonic activity in public questions and interests, not only, as all of us do, through the lives made better by Masonry, but corporately and directly as Masonic organization.

The Grand Master is intense in his appreciation of the good feeling that everywhere prevails in his Jurisdiction and of the splendid co-operation furnished in all Masonic enterprises.

He testified to the splendid possibilities of the Masonic Service Association, and approved of the George Washington Memorial and of the Washington birthday celebration.

With regard to the tendency to rush on to higher degrees on the part of candidates when once received into the Blue Lodge he makes the following comment:

It is our sincere judgment that Masonry is suffering in these modern days from two serious diseases. The first of these is the anxiety on the part of the majority of the members of the Craft to know the mysteries of the so called "Higher Degrees." There are no higher degrees. There can be nothing higher than the three degrees of Blue Lodge Masonry and nothing holier than to attain to that moral eminence which is involved in the term Master Mason. A Master Mason has the mastery over himself. His passions have been subdued, his ambitions have been brought into harmony with truth and justice, his powers are directed into the channels of duty to God and his fellow men, selfishness has been conquered. He is a man, a master, the noblest work of God.

It is a serious mistake for our members to come into our Lodges and immediately upon receiving the Master Masons Degree, rush a petition into the Chapter, or the Consistory, and on into the Mystic Shrine, before they become acquainted with the basic principles of Masonry, all of which are to be found in the Blue Lodge.

An addition has been made to the Delaware Masonic Home in connection with which the Grand Master says:

This work, my brethren is of such pre-eminent importance, that we should allow nothing to stand between us and the completion of the program begun. When our plans have been carried out in full our Masonic Home will be second to none in the country, and will meet the needs for years to come. Let us remember that this project is not an enterprise to be carried to completion by the labors of any one man, or committee of men; but having been ordered by this Grand Lodge at our last Annual Communication, it becomes the enterprise of all the Master Masons of this jurisdiction, and each and all are equally responsible for a full man's share in the work. To my mind there can be no more honorable, or humane, or more charitable work than that of providing for the care of the aged and infirm after they have reached the point where they cannot care for themselves; and as Masons, believing as we do in the great principle of the Fatherhood of God, and the Brotherhood of Man, how can we explain our attitude to the world, or justify our course before the tribunal of our own consciences if we fail to go the last mile, in the work of erecting and equipping and providing for the continued maintainance of our well planned, and well begun addition to our Masonic Home?

The expense per member in the Home amounted to \$700. Total expenditure \$10,713.00. The new addition is to cost \$79,662.00

We cannot omit a striking paragraph on Masonry by the Grand Master as follows:

Masonry is not a toy to be played with, nor a pastime merely to be enjoyed, nor yet a society of like minded spirits organized that the idle moments of the day may be spent in pleasurable conversation or in the exchange of witticisms. Masonry is an attractive force, which brings together in one body, men of different occupation and attainments, from the different avenues of life, and unites them into a moving, active, creative, aggressive body, where as one they become a dynamic power for the intellectual, political, moral and spiritual elevation of the human race. The Master Mason is not narrow in his vision, nor prejudiced in his view, nor small in his conception of his duty to God and his fellow man. He can see the virtues of others, the vices in his own heart, the transcendent beauty of a life of service and he can forget himself in the luxury of giving the best there is in him for the common welfare of his kind. And thank God we have Master Masons in the jurisdiction of Delaware.

A scholarship fund has been established by the Grand Lodge for the purpose of helping sons and grandsons of Masons through University, \$125.00 being recommended for each one so assisted per annum. Four such

scholarships were dispensed during the year. The revenue is supported by an assessment on subordinate lodges. It is a wholesome sign to see such a lively interest in education as is indicated by the enterprise, and Delaware is to be felicitated on being able to carry it through.

An effort is being made to revise the funeral ritual. This is a matter requiring attention in other Grand Lodges. The one we use in Ontario could be greatly improved, especially in adapting it to weather conditions. The service at the grave is much too long for, at least, six months of the year.

The Grand Secretary's report showed on the roll of Grand Lodge, 22 subordinate lodges, with a membership of 5,576 including a net gain of 210. A full list of names of all lodges and members is furnished, as is done in a few other reports.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence includes 52 pages. A good measure in proportion to the size of the volume of proceedings—written by Bro. Thomas J. Day.

Charles R. Bamberger, Grand Master.

John F. Robinson, Grand Secretary.

R. C. B.

ENGLAND

The Annual Grand Festival was held on Wednesday, April 26th, 1922, at which were present the Pro Grand Master, M.W. Rt. Hon. Lord Ampthill, G.C.S.I., G.C.I.E., on the Throne, and 859 Masters, Wardens and Past Masters. The officers for the ensuing year, elected and appointed, were then proclaimed, installed and invested in due form, with the exception of two notable absentees, His Royal Highness, the Prince of Wales, who had been appointed Grand Warden and the Right Honourable Viscount Birkenhead, Lord Chancellor of England, who had been made Junior Grand Warden.

It will be interesting to Canadian Masons to note that among the visitors present at the festival was R.W. Bro. W. S. Herrington, K.C. of our own jurisdiction.

The regular Quarterly Communication was held on June 7th, 1922, and was presided over by the M.W. the Grand Master, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught. The Grand Master delivered a message on the presentation of petitions for new lodges. He strongly emphasized the injunction that no brother who had not been a Master-Mason for three years should sign.

The United Grand Lodge of Queensland was accorded recognition. The Grand Lodge of Ecuador, the Grand Lodge of Chile, and the York Grand Lodge of Mexico were to be still considered. 1,348 Masters, Wardens and Past Masters were present.

Regular Quarterly Communication, September 6th, 1922. Seven hundred and sixty-five present. Announcement was made that the Prince of Wales would be invested as Senior Grand Warden at a special meeting in October. Quite an animated discussion took place over a motion to hold one meeting of Grand Lodge each year outside of London, and the decision was postponed to the December meeting.

Especial Grand Lodge held at the Royal Albert Hall, London, on Wednesday, October 25th, 1922. The attendance was 8,814. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was duly invested as Senior Grand Warden of the United Grand Lodge of England by his uncle, the Duke of Connaught, Grand Master.

The Pro Grand Master unveiled a portrait of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught in celebration of the 21st year of his Grand Mastership.

At the Quarterly meeting on December 6th, 1922, the deferred motion to hold one Grand Lodge each year outside of London was discussed and after a spirited debate was carried. Grand Lodge has never met out of the City of London for over two hundred years.

Intense interest is taken at all the Communications in the growth of the Masonic Peace Memorial, which will probably take the form of a great building in the neighborhood of the Adelphi Terrace and which will cost about £1,000,000.

W.M.L.

FLORIDA

The Grand Lodge of Florida held its 93rd Annual Communication in the City of Jacksonville, on Jan. 17th, 1922. W. Bro. Chas. H. Ketchum, Grand Master, and R.W. Bro. Wilbur P. Webster, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master's address takes note of the progress of Masonry in the State and the good fellowship that obtains generally. Masonry, he said, must be ready to take her share in National responsibility and civic enterprise. She must, above all, guard the heritage of liberty which the Republic has transmitted and preserve it unimpaired for posterity. He is one of those who are strong on the public school system, and feels that Masonry should express herself more definitely with regard to this matter. In this he differs from many distinguished Masons in his own country. We quote a paragraph to indicate his view:

Masonry has ever been the champion of our educational institutions, and the high ideals of loyalty and patriotism to our country and government should be inculcated in every Lodge. We believe that true patriotism and loyalty to our country and government can be maintained only by education of the people, and that such education can only be properly given in a public school, the true "melting pot" for Americanization.

The writer of these notes wishes to commend the following advice as sound and good and most urgently needed, especially for those who look upon Masonry as a religion or use it as their church, when they know it is "a system of morality," not a church or a religion:

Allied with the duty of education is the duty of Masons to stand behind the organization of Boy Scouts, such as are non-sectarian, and last and most important, the standing behind our church organizations. I believe that a great deal of good would be accomplished, if every Lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction would elect to attend Divine service, as a Masonic body, on some one Sunday in each and every month.

Three lodges were constituted and four were given dispensations. The charter of Palma Vesta lodge, 205 at Neuiga was arrested.

12 corner stones were laid by the fraternity.

17 dispensations were issued to confer degrees on short time, and 13 to instal officers.

Reports of District Deputies, all of whom tell of prevailing harmony, were not printed because the contents of their findings were used by the Grand Master in his account of Masonic activity.

It was urged upon Grand Lodge that Florida had not kept pace with other jurisdictions in the matter of the George Washington Memorial, though some measure of effort had been made.

The Grand Master reports a great Masonic event in the reception of the President, Warren G. Harding, by the Scottish Rite bodies at Jacksonville, on Oct. 21st, 1921. One week afterwards, Bro. Harding was inaugurated into office and took the oath upon the Bible taken from St. John's Lodge, No. 1, New York City, the same upon which the first President, was inaugurated April 30th, 1789. His lips pressed upon the verse in Micah, "What doth the Lord Thy God require of Thee but to do justly and love mercy and walk humbly before Thy God."

With regard to dimits from German Lodges the following note is of interest.

I have received several requests from Lodges asking permission to receive dimits from Lodges in Germany. Much has been written on this subject and should need no further comment at this time.

I feel however, in order that the particular Lodges in this Jurisdiction may know that they should not receive petitions for membership by affiliation, accompanied by dimits issued by Lodges in Germany, and that Florida has never recognized any of the Grand Lodges in Germany, although some of them have been recognized by other Grand Jurisdictions. The Brethren should know of the following action by the German Grand Lodge. On May 29th, 1915, the German Grand Lodge at Berlin adopted the following resolution; "In view of the attitude of Italian Freemasons, who, inspired by French sympathizers, took part in the political struggle leading to

the war, and thereby violated the cardinal principle of Freemasonry expressly forbidding such methods, the German Grand Lodge hereby severs all former relations with Italian and French Freemasonry. Toward Freemasons in other hostile lands, the Grand Lodge affirms the decision adopted at an earlier date that all relations of various Grand Bodies be suspended from the outbreak of hostilities."

This resolution has not been repealed.

The Grand Secretary reported income of \$49,457.72, of which \$4,973.25 was for relief and \$19,902 for Masonic Home. This beautiful Home has for its benefactors Masons of all ranks including the Knights Templars, Royal Arch and O.E.S. Total cost of maintenance for the year \$45,277.24. There is an endowment fund of \$24,072.58.

Seventeen aged Brothers and Sisters, and nineteen little boys and girls, composing our "Home guests," and who with our Superintendent and Matron, Sister Maria T. Johnson, and Brother Walter H. Johnson, Superintendent of the Grounds and Buildings, and other employees at the Home, comprise the household carried on by your Trustees at the Masonic Home.

The Grand Oration was an historical survey of the contributions through the ages toward the enriching and broadening of the Biblia Sacra or Holy Bible. This splendid address would have to be read to be appreciated. One section will indicate the wide vision and sound historical imagination of the speaker, as well as his great sweep and range of thought.

The Torah of Moses opens with the traditions of the human race preserved through centuries coming down from Abraham to Moses and cast by him under Divine inspiration into historical narratives. He does not give us history conceived in the modern way. It is not a record of armies, battles, sieges, negotiations, government, commerce, art, education, manufactures and the like told for their own sakes, but it is a record of Divine providence in the affairs of men, every idea, event and movement chosen to show the relation between God and the Nations. Genesis relates the beginnings of civilization and the call of Abraham. Joshua and Judges relate the story of the subjugation of Canaan and of life under tribal judges. The book of Acts is the first church history, recording the advance of a great social institution through Judea, Syria, Asia, Greece and Italy.

In connection with these vast themes, the writers of the Bible have given the world big ideas, among them the doctrine of Monotheism, the divine order of the world, human freedom and responsi-

bility, the ministry of unselfish suffering and service, ideals of good citizenship, the supreme duty man owes to God, the redemption of men through altruism and vicarious sacrifice, the development of a church for men to be made up not of angels but of sinners who have become saints, not perfect men, but sinners still who are pledged to the ideally perfect life.

The report on Foreign Correspondence written by Bro. Silas B. Wright covers 122 pages and shows much care in the preparation. To Canada are devoted four full pages.

R. C. B.

FLORIDA

This second review of Florida brings the proceedings of that Grand Lodge up to date. The ninety-fourth Annual Communication was held in the City of Jacksonville, Jan. 16th, 1923. M.W. Bro. Chas. H. Ketchum being Grand Master and R.W. Bro. Wilbur P. Webster, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master in his second address to Grand Lodge launches boldly into a discussion of public questions and urges the fraternity to take a stand for education and public schools.

But the time is here when we can no longer sleep. We must realize as never before that the price of liberty is eternal vigilance. While we are not interested in politics, and as an Order can not and do not wish to enter politics, the time is here, Brethren, when we must exert ourselves and take an active interest in the good government of our country.

The only way in which a republic can live is through an intelligent, educated citizenry. Let each individual have an equal opportunity for self advancement. Let each child have an opportunity for an education. Let the mind of each be trained to think for itself. Thus we will arrive at an agreeable state.

In the face of these conclusions, it seems self evident to me that the public school system of this country is the corner stone of the nation.

Much interest was shown in the Government Hospital at Lake City for ex-service tubercular patients.

After investigation the conditions at the hospital were found to be such as not to require the expenditure undertaken by Grand Lodge. A Radio plant was however installed. Much appreciated by members of the Craft confined there.

The D.D.G.M.s' reports were commented on by the G.M. as follows:

I have received reports from nearly all the District Deputy Grand Masters throughout the State and find that with practically no exception peace and harmony prevails. The reports show a continual growth in membership and that the Esoteric Work as taught by the Grand Lodge Committee on Work is being closely followed by the Lodges and that the Brethren are eager to learn the prescribed work.

Inasmuch as these reports are for the information of the Grand Master, and that the District Deputies are his special representatives in their particular districts, I deem it inadvisable, having received their reports, to publish same in the Annual Proceedings, as any of the subject matter contained therein which is of interest to the Craft will be contained in the report of the Grand Master.

The following questions will interest our readers showing the dangerous possibilities of a too liberal and untrained Masonic mentality.

Q. A member of our Lodge has confessed to the Lodge that he has two living wives and has been arrested and in jail, shall the Lodge take his confession and assess penalty, or must the regular form of trial be gone through with.

A. Charges would have to be preferred against this Brother in the usual manner and he must be tried and convicted in the Lodge before penalty can be assessed.

Q. Can a Lodge while open in the Masters Degree, bring into the Lodge the wives and daughters of Masons and confer on them the "Wives and Daughters Degree"?

A. No. There are no side degrees in Masonry and the Masonic Fraternity has no degrees for the wives and daughters. If the wives, daughters or widows of Master Masons are desirous of joining a society for women they should take advantage of the Eastern Star Chapter.

Only 10% of the allotment for the George Washington Memorial has yet been raised, amounting to \$1,-958.50.

The Secretary reports total receipts amounting to \$53,802.97 including \$5,579.18 for relief and \$22,324.00 for Masonic Home.

The Grand Orator was the President of John B. Stetson University, De Land, Fla. He dealt, in a scholarly way, with social obligation, enunciating the theory of it and directing attention to the fundamentals of Masonry as social obligation in practice. In the light of practical social responsibility he reviewed such outstanding questions as the negro problem, immigration, labour and capital, marriage and divorce, law and order, temperance and charity. We offer the following paragraphs from this able address:

Members of the Grand Lodge of Masons of Florida, I call you back to the definition of Freemasonry; that our Order was founded with the avowed principles of "charity, brotherly love and mutual assistance," and that it is our duty "to nourish the needy, refresh the destitute and pour the oil of joy into the hearts of the afflicted." That being the purpose of our Order let us incarnate it, embodying it in our hearts, in our lives, in our daily purpose and deeds. Let us frown on all manifestations of social antipathies and racial cleavages and hatreds towards Jews and Negroes and Catholics. Let us cherish love even for wrong-doers and let us avoid offensive designations of people as Dagoes and Chinks. We do not have to sleep with any of them. If they are personally offensive in their habits they need not be in their personalities. It is not necessary to hate people who are different from us. It is indeed our duty to love our enemies, to bless those that curse us, do good to those who hate us and pray for those who spitefully use and persecute us. Brothers get on your toes for an energetic affirmation of our fundamental principles, for such a strong visualization of their contents that we shall have at all times a lively, realizing sense of their power, their beauty, their dignity and their efficiency in promoting the welfare of our fellowmen.

This problem (marriage and divorce) is getting harder every year. Back of the problem is a growing laxity of thought and life. Books, plays, movies and common conversation promote sex excitement and deal with all the salacious details of deranged marital relations. Many people think that society is utterly demoralized; that American manners are cheap, coarse, vulgar, and rotten. Authority has been relaxed in the home, the church and the state. Parents no longer govern their children as they used to do but are

governed by them. Churches no longer discipline members for breaches of church order but have lost control of them. The state can no longer enforce its will as it once did. The divorce mills are busy grinding out decrees of separation. This destroys family life.

Rt. W. Bro. Silas B. Wright, writing of fraternal correspondence gave most generous treatment to the Grand Lodge of Canada, going through the address of M.W. W. N. Ponton and gleaning the most fruitful thoughts therefrom. He wrote a digest of all Grand Lodge reports without resorting to quotation, which means a vast amount of time and labour.

R. C. B.

GEORGIA

The one hundred and thirty-sixth Communication of the Grand Lodge of Georgia was held in the city of Macon, Georgia, on Oct. 31st, 1922. M.W. Bro. Joe P. Bowdoin being Grand Master and R.W. Bro. Frank F. Baker, Grand Secretary. The brethren were given the hospitality of the city by having a motor drive on the afternoon of the first day.

After opening of Grand Lodge the children of the Masonic Home were marched in and sang a number of songs which gave the brethren a point of contact with the personnel of the Home, and so increased interest.

There were 1,200 delegates present at Grand Lodge. The full list of names being reported in Proceedings.

The Grand Master, in his address, said the Grand Lodge was 41 years older than the government.

This is a long span of years, yet I am persuaded that we have this morning the same spirit of brotherly love, the same spirit of devotion, the same love of the principles of Masonry that our brethren had when the Grand Lodge was formed. We are not called upon to endure the hardships and inconveniences of those former days, neither are we permitted to make the personal sacrifices for our beloved Fraternity that they did, yet I would remind you that with growth comes responsibility, and we, standing on ground they won by many sacrifices, many discomforts, even persecutions, have our duties, our responsibilities and our problems.

Twelve new lodges were constituted and four had charters arrested. A Grand Historian was appointed to write as complete a history as possible of Grand Lodge since its commencement.

An important effort is the institution of a permanent and revolving Masonic students loan fund.

This fund should be increased from year to year until it has enough money to function properly. We were especially pleased to see the Grand Chapter make a donation and place its funds in the hands of this Commission. We are convinced that all Masonic funds, by whomsoever donated for educational purposes, should be given into the care of this Commission, to be administered by them for the donor. I wish to thank this Commission for the labor they have given this work.

A Masonic relief board for systematized benevolence instituted a year previous received the commendation of the Grand Master who after a year's experience urged support of the findings and suggestions of the Board. It is certainly not a day too soon for a Jurisdiction of the antiquity of Georgia to have such an institution.

As to the Masonic Home he states as follows:

The most tender place in the hearts of our Craft is our Home. This is as it should be; there is no more urgent call than that of the helpless orphan; there is nothing that tugs at the heart-strings with more force or that meets a more ready response from all true good Masons than the helplessness of the helpless. The demands of our Home are gradually growing; steadily the applications for admission are increasing; we have the largest family that we have ever had. I sincerely hope that every Mason here will go to the Home and give it a thorough inspection. You will find it and your children in the best condition, and all happy and satisfied. Your Board of Trustees and Executive Committee have given to your children and your property their constant and loving care; they cannot be commended too highly.

We offer the following paragraphs from the Grand Master's splendid address as of special interest.

It seems almost unnecessary for me to mention here my personal opinion and official action in regard to Masonic parasites. The two and a half million men who constitute the Masonic membership of the United States are a tempting bait for many and sundry organizations of various kinds. They attempt to attach themselves to

Masonry for monetary gain, and to aid them in rapidly filling their ranks Symbolic Masonry is the foundation and the life germ. It seems to be the opinion of many that if the least bit of this simon-pure Masonic protoplasm can be injected into the veins of their organization Masons will be induced thereby to join, and will follow their lead. It is useless to enumerate the different organizations; many of them are no doubt good and honorable, many beautiful and teaching in their ritual morality in forceful drama and symbols. Many are possibly not so worthy. Perhaps one who does not know has no right to speak, but I only wish to utter a word of caution and urge your most serious consideration of all organizations that use the word "Mason" or "Masonry" to further their interests, making membership in Masonry a prerequisite to their membership, and to most seriously ask your attention to whether or not we should legislate against such practice.

There has been more or less agitation over the Ku-Klux Klan throughout our country. Several of our Grand Masters have become considerably exercised over the matter, issuing pronouncements against it. The question in my judgment does not deserve consideration; Masonry has nothing to do with any Klan, any society, any organization, denomination or what not.

The Grand Secretary reported 629 Lodges with 60,904 members, including 3,362 raised during the year. The Grand Treasurer showed disbursements of \$90,-661.05. Masonic Home maintenance, \$48,657.29.

The Committee on Grand Master's address gave him a well-merited encomium on his outstanding personal qualities of mind and heart and his splendid achievements for the Craft during his term of office.

Membership in the Masonic Service Association was deferred.

More than half the volume of Proceedings is given to a review of Sister and Foreign Jurisdictions, written by W. Bro. Raymond Daniel. A variety of Problems were introduced and discussed in a friendly, chatty way; and the personalities of various Grand Lodges made vivid and interesting to the reader. He has the following on Masonry and present day conditions:

Masonry is but a symbol of life and feels the ebb and flow of every change of the Infinite plan. The Fraternity is not a matter of narrow self-interest, but an institution that must deal with the social as well as moral structure. Every person and every

organization owes more to the general welfare than mere industry and obedience to law. There is the obligation to render a distinct and permanent service.

The world today is being influenced in a manner and to an end which we lack the perspective to understand. Circumstances, partly of us and partly outside, have established Freemasonry as an important social factor, a real civilizing inspiration.

Masonic education, which appeared only a few years ago as a little leaven, is now beginning to "leaven the whole lump," and the Craft is eagerly taking hold of every advantage as rapidly as the advantages can be offered. The desire for knowledge and the efforts that are being made to supply the means is one of the most gratifying developments of the recent years.

The knowledge that is being sought is not that of mere ritualism, but an earnest, conscientious wish for a full comprehension of the great truths of Masonry. Its achievement is being attained in the same manner as all most worthy accomplishments, through the individual. Lodges and grand lodges are turning toward making the Craftsman all that the word Craftsman signifies.

The next few years will decide the question whether the Craft will be led into serious error, as I view it, of leaping into the arena where are being fought out by fiercely opposing factions, the burning problems of the hour, or whether this great Institution, which has successfully met all the demands upon it during the centuries, will continue the policy laid down by the forefathers of digging among the ground roots of the vital things of life, which underlie all good morals, private and public, all good politics and all good statesmanship."

R. C. B.

IDAHO

The 55th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Idaho was held at Idaho Falls on Sept. 12th, 1922, M.W. Bro. Fletcher A. Jeter, presiding, with Rt. Wor. Bro. Geo. E. Knepper, Grand Secretary. M.W. Bro. Geo. M. Scott and R. W. M. Bro. Curtis E. Pike are Grand Master and Grand Secretary, respectively for the current year.

There were seven special communications during the year the outlines of which are given at the opening of the report.

The names of all representatives from constituent lodges are printed in the report immediately after the roll of honour and before the Grand Master's address.

68 out of a total of 75 lodges were represented with 28 Grand Jurisdictions.

The Grand Master in his address expressed fears for the integrity of Masonry due to entangling alliances and undue publicity. Again we are glad to find a ruler of the Craft who has more regard for the landmarks of Masonry than the bluster it makes in political and social affairs. It is true, these are the testing days of the Craft. Is Masonry to be preserved for its own sake or is it to become one of many organizations bent on making the outside world over? It has always been the aim of the Craft to cultivate the Masonic virtues in individual Masons and so to make them better men and better citizens. It is as men who have been influenced by Masonry that they are to make an impression upon the social life in which they move, not as Masons. Masonry is a secret society and should not crave the limelight in common with so many organizations that are functioning today to the good of mankind, but also to the greater glory of the organization. Bro. Jeter has the following significant note in his address:

The closing year in this Jurisdiction, as well as in others throughout this broad land does not bring with it a very great degree of ease and comfort. Sinister influences are at work that have taxed the resources of Grand Masters to their fullest extent. There appears to be strife and contention in Masonic circles everywhere, and it is not too much to say that Masonry is on trial today as it never has been in the past. It is not pessimism that leads me to make this assertion, but rather the cold facts that confront us. Of course we do not fear the final outcome, for we know that Masonry will triumphantly weather the storm, whatever may be its proportions.

Masonry is today receiving too much undesirable publicity. There are too many controversies of a Masonic nature published in our daily newspapers and in our many indiscreet Masonic journals. To put it in a word, Masonry is drifting from her moorings—from our Ancient Landmarks.

The laws of Idaho require a Mason to be of one years standing before making application for higher degrees so-called.

The Grand Secretary reports four lodges working zealously U.D.

Bro. William H. Gibson delivered the oration. He chose the words Wisdom, Strength and Beauty. We quote one paragraph.

We are taught that there should be Wisdom to contrive, Strength to support, and Beauty to adorn every great and important undertaking. When we contemplate the infinite wisdom of the Great Architect of the Universe, the finite mind becomes bewildered our reasoning powers almost cease to function, and we realize the insignificance of man in the presence of that display of wisdom. The wisdom displayed in the establishment of the universe, the location of the fixed stars, the revolution of the planets around the sun, the laws which govern their movements, reveal this wisdom. Such is the poise and balance of all heavenly bodies that though this old earth of ours is being hurled through space at a rate exceeding thirty thousand miles per hour, yet by that great law known to us as the law of gravity, so perfect in its workings, that in all centuries and ages of the past, there has been no deviation of our earth in its course around the sun.

A committee appointed for the purpose recommended the appointment of a Grand Lecturer whose duties are set forth in the following paragraph:

Grand Lecturer

"138. We hereby recommend that a Grand Lecturer be elected annually by the Grand Lodge, whose duty it shall be to visit the lodges within this jurisdiction and exemplify the work and instruct the officers of the constituent lodges in the work of the degrees, and supervise and assist Masonic education, whose compensation shall be fixed and provided for in such manner as to the Grand Lodge may seem proper."

Charles W. Mack.

In view of the increasing numerical strength of Masonry it is felt with increasing intensity that there must be a well-defined educational program to cultivate a more thorough knowledge of the meaning and principles of the Craft as well as a moral determination to interpret these principles into daily life, as follows:

It is my sincere belief that we should have a Grand Lecturer, whose sole duty it is to put his whole time on Masonic educational matters, carrying out a course of instruction, explaining the lessons as taught in our institution, bringing them before the members of our

Order so that they will be practised in every-day life. Whose duty it should also be to make our ritualistic work uniform, so that when a Master Mason visits a sister lodge he knows that he need have no fears, that the work is the same, and that he will know just how to gain admittance; and further, to assist the Secretaries in their work, in order that the Grand Secretary may be sure that every detail will come in in proper order.

The proposition was adopted and a salary of \$2400 provided.

An outstanding trial was that of Buhl Lodge, No. 53, whose charter was arrested and restored after very severe penalties were inflicted upon responsible officers for gross carelessness, and for giving away without restraint the proceedings of the lodge. Some of the officers were subsequently restored and reinstated.

The Association of Past Grand Masters held their annual meeting. There are now 15 members.

Seventy Grand Jurisdictions were reviewed by Bro. Knepper who has discharged this duty for 21 years, so his skill in the work is without question. He gives generous space to the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Canada and has developed a most cordial feeling for Bro. E. B. Brown, whose reports have been of interest to him for many years.

Concerning dispensations for church attendance he writes:

It has seemed to us that Canada, in its broadest territorial sense, was drifting in the direction of Christian Masonry, for we know of no other Jurisdictions that grant so many dispensations to attend Divine Service, and we have assumed that the Churches attended were of the Christian faith. These dispensations we have always commended and have said that on account of these frequent occurrences a blanket dispensation should be granted to all Lodges. It may be that we were wrong.

R. C. B.

ILLINOIS

Grand Lodge met in the Arzan Grotto Temple, Chicago, on Oct. 10th, 1922. M.W. Bro. Elmer E. Beach being Grand Master and R.W. Bro. Owen Scott, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master's address commenced with an eloquent presentation of the industrial disabilities under which America is struggling to establish place and equity among the constituent groups in the commonwealth. He deplored the tendency on National life which can momentarily admit the right to any group or body to paralyze the industrial activities of the nation and openly set at defiance the whole machinery of government. People, he declared, have forgotten the nature of freedom as essential to democracy. Such a general attitude is a perversion of all our institutions and in time is bound to bring in its train only confusion and disorder, which, in time, can result only in poverty and suffering.

The right to work, when, where, and upon such terms and conditions as one chooses, unmolested by threats or unlawful violence, is a necessary corollary of the right not to work in any employment against one's will—in other words, the right to resist slavery. Here is an opportunity for Masons and Masonry to assist in a practical movement to educate the conscience of the world to a proper conception of this fundamental question. For one can calculate the wide influence and irresistible force of such an organization. Free from political bias or influence and wholly non-sectarian, it inculcates those fundamental principles of morality, justice, and patriotism concerning which all right thinking men agree and to which the consciences of all good men yield ready assent. Such an army of men, recruited from every rank and walk of life, animated by the principles and teachings of such an Institution, must exert a compelling influence for good in the world which shall do much to hasten the coming of the era of peace on earth and good will toward men.

The reviewer has never heard of a desire to smoke in open lodge, but we are all familiar with the atmosphere of the 4°. The Grand Master of Illinois found it necessary to visit a lodge and reprimand it for the practice.

There is a beautiful and commodious Home for children of Masons at La Grange. The name is being changed so as to omit the word "orphans". In addition to this Children's Home Grand Lodge maintains a Home for aged and infirm Masons and their dependents on a farm near Sullivan. In connection with this there is a Hospital for those who need such attention. The Hospital is kept by the Royal Arch which contributes \$5,000 yearly for its maintenance. There are usually about 40 in the Hospital. Total cost last year \$107,500.00

Private lodges keep the cemetery in a becoming condition.

Two suggestions by the Grand Master are of special value. One is that before joining a lodge the candidate should be obliged to take the oath of citizenship. This arose from the anomolous position produced by the possibility of a German, say, during the war, joining a lodge and being exhorted on his initiation "never to lose sight of the allegiance due to that country from which he received his infant nurture." The other suggestion is that some statement of the objects and principles of Masonry should be given to every candidate before his application is received. This in order that he might be disillusioned as to material advantage or pecuniary benefits that are associated with other organizations.

An interesting feature of Masonic activity is the institution of athletic clubs of various kinds. Judging from the Grand Master's remarks we in Ontario would be well advised to avoid them. Note:

(7) Baseball and other clubs.

Your committee heartily endorses the judgment expressed by the most worshipful grand master relative to the formation of athletic and pleasure clubs among the members of a lodge, and the detrimental effect which ultimately results from such organizations through rivalry, indiscreet zeal and exuberant enthusiasm. At the 74th annual meeting of the grand lodge the following query was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

"Can a lodge appropriate funds from its treasury to maintain a baseball club composed of members of the lodge?"

Your committee reiterates the opinion that it is unlawful to use any of the funds of a lodge in the formation, support or maintenance of any social or pastime society, club, or other form of organization, among its members. Your committee is further of the opinion that salutary and effective measures to eliminate the evil conditions which are recited in the report of the most worshipful grand master, and resulting from the abuse or misuse of the privilege of lodge membership by the formation of societies or clubs therein, may be safely left to the disciplinary power vested in the most worshipful grand master whose edict in such matters would have all the force and effect of law, and the issuance of which edict may safely be left to his discretion.

The question carries its own answer.

The Grand Master emphasized the necessity of obedience to law whether Masonic or civic contempt leads directly to anarchy and chaos.

There are 250,000 Masons in Illinois.

21 Lodges constituted and 28 U.D.

The Grand Orator gave his address in accordance with a commendable custom in many Grand Lodges. He is a past Governor of the State and a 33° Mason, a man of vision, and a statesman whose comprehensive grasp of world affairs inspired him to energetic action in the days when American sympathies were inchoate and indeterminate, during the early years of the war:—Bro. Frank O. Lowden.

He was instrumental in those days in bringing his State to a realization of the fact that justice and honour were not a matter of geography but were fundamental to all people. His theme in the oration was that the same diligence should now be exerted to preserve those principles for which the Allies fought only that the enemy had changed to the insidious propaganda of anarchy and Bolshevism. To quote:

From that day until the close of the war, whether in Chicago, whether out in the State, or wherever members of this Craft were gathered together, there a sacred fire was burning upon its altars, and the light from that fire went out in all directions. And then I knew that this Order was something more than a mere fraternal order. I knew that beautiful as it was in its ministrations to the unfortunate brethren and their families, I knew that added to all these softer influences which had emanated from the lodge was to be added that grander purpose of its being, and that the Masonic Lodge was also one of the bulwarks of our institutions and one of the safeguards of our common country.

And so in the trying times of peace, this Great Order is just as impressive and just as beneficent as it had been during the crucial days of war. Today it is playing a great part in this most critical era of the world's history, because it is not ashamed to meet in the presence of the flag, and it does not shrink from looking into an open Bible, because Justice, Righteousness, Mercy and Brotherhood are just as potent concepts with the Order today as they were a half

a century ago. And today the world needs a revival of these old aspirations of the human heart; the world needs a reaffirmation of those basic principles as it has not needed it before within my time.

There were 58 Grand Jurisdictions represented. Bro. Sylvester O. Spring standing for the Grand Lodge of Canada.

Bro. Henry Horner was asked to reply for the Grand representatives. His speech was a gem of oratory.

Masonic principles when fully understood and practised—whether by members of the craft or others, will soon establish right standards of living, a fuller understanding of our duties and our relations to our fellows in a forward looking world. The theme of Masonry, my brethren, is a theme that should be sung so long as human hearts vibrate and tongues retain the gift of speech. It is a symphony that should be sung by those who are tottering on toward their graves, and by those whose hearts are filled with the promise and glow of youth. The spirit of Masonry will never become worn by time, nor held in lessened esteem by daily practice, for honor is never cheapened by contact, and truth—for Masonry is truth—is never out of tune.

Bro. Delmar D. Darragh wrote on Fraternal Correspondence and noted the reduction in the number applying for Masonry. He was apprehensive lest it should not be possible properly to assimilate the members who had come in during recent years.

Clandestine Masonry received attention. A man by the name of Thompson had secured some 40,000 members in a fictitious association, and it was estimated he made about a million and a half in the enterprise. The trial was held in Salt Lake City. The presiding judge being a Mormon. Prosecution was brought about by the Federal Government and many Masonic luminaries were called for evidence. Thompson and his confederates were sent to Leavenworth prison and paid heavy fines.

R. C. B.

INDIANA

The Grand Lodge of Indiana met in Indianapolis on May 23rd, 1923, Grand Master Omar B. Smith, presiding. The report of proceedings has a photo-

gravure of the retiring and incoming Grand Masters; also of the Grand Secretary W. H. Swintz. There were seventeen P.G.M's. present, and the Communication was the one hundred and fifth.

In his address the Grand Master expressed thanksgiving that the official ranks of Grand Lodge remained unbroken during the year.

He issued a letter urging on all the Lodges to observe St. John Baptist's day, June 24th, as Masonic Home day. It is a splendid suggestion and one designed to bring the thought of the Home to the mind of the individual Mason in an effective way.

The Knight Templars erected a building for boys in connection with the Home. The building and equipment are proceeding and the greatest pride is felt by the Masons of Indiana in the success of their co-operative effort. Total upkeep amounted to \$86,399.85. Total membership, 291.

An official Grand Instructor is being retained by Grand Lodge since 1917.

Four new lodges were constituted and three petitioned for dispensations.

There were several complaints of invasions of Grand Jurisdictions, as well as of Private Lodge areas, all of which were satisfactorily dealt with.

The Grand Master suggested that candidates be obliged to present themselves for E.A. degree within one year of acceptance by the Lodge. This is only common sense and the general practice.

It is interesting to note as a study in human nature how lodges will deliberately violate the plain Masonic obligation until rebuked by some authority. Here is an instance:

During my year as Grand Master I received notice from some brothers from a certain city in Indiana that the Masonic Lodges in

that city were being visited by political speakers, who were advocating the election of certain candidates, asking members' support and in at least one instance, even getting funds voted from the Lodge treasury for the purpose named.

I immediately visited that city, and called the offending parties into a conference and ordered the practice discontinued immediately. I also directed the Secretary to not draw an order for the amount voted, which he complied with.

We regret to note the number of suspensions and partial suspensions of lodge charters in this Jurisdiction. A program of Masonic education intensively carried on is the only way to reduce these infringements of the spirit and law of Masonry.

Ten lodges are on probation for unsatisfactory conditions found by the Grand Instructor. The O.E.S. holds a strong position in the esteem of Grand Lodge.

The Treasurer reported a total balance in the Treasury on all accounts of \$180,542.26.

The Grand Secretary complains about reports of Secretaries of private lodges, some of whom do not even write legibly.

The Committee on Grievances and Appeals report that in one case, Mystic Tie Lodge, No. 398, the evidence and findings cover no less than 750 typewritten pages.

The following resolution with regard to qualifications was adopted:

"After a ballot for the Degrees shall have been declared unanimous, it is competent for the Worshipful Master to arrest the conferring of either Degree should he become satisfied that the candidate is unworthy, and it is his imperative duty to do so while a single member of the Lodge objects. Such objection may be made privately to the Worshipful Master, but the objection must be made in person by word of mouth to the Worshipful Master, or by communication to the Worshipful Master in writing over the signature of the objector, and if received by the Worshipful Master prior to initiation of the candidate, shall then have the effect of a negative vote and so be recorded."

Fraternally submitted,

Richard H. Schweitzer,
Orlando W. Brownback.

W. Bro. Moore reported on the Relief Association of the United States and Canada, and remarked:

Papers read and the discussions plainly revealed that the work of Masonic relief can only be effectively handled by the most careful co-ordination and investigation of each case. The reckless abandon with which aid has been granted in years past has not only been very expensive to the subordinate Lodges and the individual membership but it has done much to encourage the frauds and impostors with whom we now have to deal. This relief work should be systematized and handled with just as much care and business acumen as are the affairs of the associated charities.

There are 718 lodges in the Grand Jurisdiction with a total membership of 113,804. The impression the writer receives from the review of the proceedings is that this Grand Lodge is too large. Nearly 50 pages of the report are given to necrology.

M.W. Bro. Elmer F. Gray reported on Foreign Correspondence reviewing 52 Grand Lodges.

There are in U.S. 15,459 lodges and 2,549,911 Masons. In Canada there are 1,117 lodges and 152,484 Masons. This exceedingly well written report classifies Canada according to fact and not name. It is called the Grand Lodge of Ontario, which indeed it is in all but title. The first thing the scribe notes is the effort to have this anomaly changed so as to convey the proper designation, but sentiment won over convenience, and we are still called the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario. We are very conservative in this country particularly in traditional associations.

R. C. B.

IOWA

The report of the Grand Lodge of Iowa opens with a finely engraved picture of the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Amos N. Alberson. This is followed by a brief biography in which his struggle with adversity is graphically portrayed. It goes to show how a good man and true "can overcome all obstacles, raise ignorance from despair and establish happiness in the pathos of science."

"What nothing earthly gives or can destroy,
The soul's calm sunshine and the heart-felt joy."

Grand Lodge met in the the Orpheum Theatre at Des Moines on June 13th, 1922. Bro. N. E. Kendale, Governor of the State extended a welcome on behalf of the Masons of the State, which was responded to by Deputy G.M. J. Ray Nyemaster. The Governor took occasion to speak in high praise of the public school system of the United States. He said in part:

The Masonic Organization for all time has stood for certain fundamental principles; free government, free homes, free speech, free thought, free schools, a free pulpit, and a free press. Most of these considerations have been universally conceded, but we stand in this age especially for the preservation of those avenues of enlightenment which promote the intelligence of the American people. We are proud of the public schools of our country. We recognize them as the indispensable attribute of a genuine democracy, and we recognize that if they were obliterated for three generations our superb culture would revert to primitive savagery. God bless and prosper the public school system of our country!

We have stood in National affairs, wherever we have been located, for the integrity of the Constitution, for the enforcement of law, for the maintenance of order, for respect for authority; for the higher and better purposes which animate the human heart.

The committee on credentials reported 636 lodges enrolled of which 434 were represented.

The Grand Master's address was much shorter than is the rule with such deliverances, but he makes up for brevity in effectiveness of presentation and directness of treatment. He is essentially a worker. The following will be of interest:

To review and summarize the experiences and impressions of the past year, adding them to those of the years gone by, I am confirmed in my conviction that the Masonry of Iowa is an active and abiding force for the interchange of cheerful association in well-doing, for fraternal assistance to the needy and distressed, for the uplifting of humanity in general, for the enlightenment of its own membership to a high sense of moral and civic duty, and for the preservation and progress of representative government in our commonwealth and our nation.

As I consider the possible influence of nearly 80,000 brethren of Iowa through personal exemplification of the doctrine and teachings of Masonry, I am convinced that Masonry can and will act as a guard to check all anarchism and disregard for established law; that it can and will foster and promote such public school systems as will give every boy and girl in our land an equal opportunity to make the

most of their natural endowments; that it will sponsor and support every laudable movement to aid the moral and physical welfare of our youth; that it will lend an active support to religion; continue its good works of benevolence and charity and generally exhibit its fealty to our dogma of "The Brotherhood of Man under the Fatherhood of God."

Eight new lodges were constituted and nine received dispensations.

A Masonic Service Committee was appointed to take the place of the Masonic Research Committee. It is to co-operate with the Service Association which has its home in the Jurisdiction.

A whole-time officer was secured for the work.

A speaker's bureau was organized by the Committee and equipment secured to exhibit the moving pictures produced by the Association.

Some 97 representatives of the Grand Master were appointed to visit lodges, give addresses and organize schools of instruction. The Grand Master's impression of their usefulness is expressed as follows:

The working out of the system has been satisfactory and it has been productive of increased proficiency in the ritual and general interest in Masonry in a large majority of the lodges. It is evident that continued practice of the system will make it more beneficial and efficient. I recommend that the incoming Grand Master carefully review the reports now on file and commission such representatives and authorize such visitations as in his judgment are necessary for the welfare of the craft, and that suitable appropriation be made therefor.

The holding of Masonic picnics was highly recommended. He suggested the formation of a county and city association to look after social functions and organize clubs, as for instance:

I would further recommend that in every city or county a "Has-been Club" or similar combination be formed, to embrace all Past Masters and the elective officers of the lodges, and if thought desirable, all the past and present elective officers of all other regularly recognized Masonic bodies in the community. These brethren will enjoy greatly the occasional meetings of such groups, and from

interchange of ideas and experience can do much for the practical side of Masonry and renew their interest in all the labors of the craft. These are the brethren we must depend on to see that proper designs are on the trestle boards, and to see that they are duly executed.

It would seem to us that the formation of clubs can be easily overdone. If the existent units were really vitalized by enthusiastic Masonic effort, much more real good could be rendered the cause and the State.

With regard to the Klu Klux Klan, the Grand Master has the following:

Therefore, I, Amos N. Alberson, Grand Master of Masons in Iowa, do solemnly charge each and all the regular Masons in Iowa now as heretofore when you were made a Mason that "in the state you are to be a quiet and peaceable subject, true to your government and just to your country; you are not to countenance disloyalty or rebellion, but patiently submit to legal authority, and conform with cheerfulness to the Government of the country in which you live.

Furthermore, I charge each and all, that as our Fathers have framed the truly Masonic principles of Liberty of conscience, Equality before the law, and Fraternity among men into the constitutions of this nation and state, we, as Freemasons and citizens of this republic are obligated to perform our full moral and civic duty, to promote and enforce an orderly administration of justice and equity, acting openly that it may be known of all men.

Furthermore, I charge each and all, that affiliation with any secret organization that purports to establish an invisible, intolerant and irresponsible autocracy within our commonwealth is unwise, unpatriotic, and in direct violation of the teachings and traditions of American Masonry.

The Grand Secretary's report showed receipts of \$160,000. There were 12 expulsions out of a membership of 78,000.

Two new Masonic Temples were erected. There is a magnificent library in Iowa founded in 1844, at Cedar Rapids. "He who would make search for knowledge let him seek where it is."

There are 35,000 volumes and the library is willing to serve Masonry everywhere.

So great has been the demand for copies of our Iowa publications that, with the approval of the Trustees, we have disposed of several thousand copies of the various publications to other Grand Lodges or to their committees on education at a price that would just cover the cost of same. Funds thus received have been placed to the credit of the printing account as the cost of issuing same was paid out of this fund. In acknowledging receipt of these pamphlets, the brethren of other states have invariably paid a high tribute to the work which has been done along this line by the Grand Lodge of Iowa and the committees on education have been very profuse in their thanks for having been permitted to purchase these at the low prices quoted for them.

The beneficent efforts of Grand Lodge are under the administration of a board known as the Grand Charity Board. It gave relief to 155 cases during the year.

From local Trustees the board received \$45,261.09, and from the Grand Charity Fund \$30,054.50.

What a diversity of views is expressed in the Grand Lodges of America! One shows convincing and conclusive reasons why all sorts of clubs and organizations ought not to be countenanced by the Craft, another felicitates itself upon activities in this direction. Ohio seems to have a proclivity for organization and public service.

Here is a paragraph by the committee on the Grand Master's address with regard to the De Molay boys which speaks for itself:

It is significant, in connection with the Grand Master's observation of boys' work, that we should note that there has been no movement inaugurated in recent years that holds so great a promise of a virile citizenship as a reward than the juvenile Order of De Molay. Your boy and my boy brought into the sacred fellowship of Masons during their impressive years—moulded into finest of noble manhood under Masonic patronage is one of the encouraging signs of our times. What a wonderful conception of love and service has become embodied in this boys' movement, so closely akin to the Masonic world. From a crude beginning, the interest of one man in one boy, its growth has been phenomenal and its influence is felt today in every important section of our great country. We earnestly appeal to every Mason present to take advantage of the opportunity that will be afforded him during this session of the Grand Lodge to witness the exemplification of their beautiful ritualistic work.

It is thought well, to relieve the tedium for the reader of a report of this kind, to insert a note occasionally which touches the deeper things of life, and which may reflect illumination upon the toilsome path all builders have to climb.

The story of Masonry is, of course, in its time-honoured system of teaching, its hoary continuity, and its impressive ceremonial, but it is also in the expression it furnishes to the diverse needs of the human heart, and the encouragement and hope it supplies for the builder, as well as the lofty aspirations it inculcates and nourishes.

Bro. E. S. Williams report on the fraternal dead contains "a gem of purest ray serene" which illustrates this point.

If we worthily keep our immortal brethren in true remembrance, we cannot fail to be reminded of those spiritual values by which alone human achievement is to be measured. Here in this service we apprehend once more that the important and the supremely essential things of life are those which are valuable because of their contribution to the spiritual treasures of the race. Over the three doorways to the Cathedral of Milan there are three inscriptions spanning the splendid arches. Over one are the words, "All that pleases is but for a moment." Over the other, "All that troubles is but for a moment;" while over the central arch are these significant words "That only is important which is eternal." Since the very beginning of Masonry it has laid emphasis upon that which is constructive and abiding. If we have truly learned the lesson which is reiterated in all the symbolism of Masonry, then this hour of loving memory will not be sad but glad, not tearful but triumphant, not fearful but faithful. Thus we assert our trust in that Fatherhood of God which is not temporal but eternal. Thus do we cling to that Brotherhood of Man which is not a temporary fiction but an abiding fact. Thus are we comforted and inspired by the assurance that all that is lovable in each of us and in our fellows is not limited to this present experience but finds its fullest and most complete expression in life unending. Strengthened by the might of the Eternal, we would be emancipated from that bondage of the material which blinds us to the reality of that which is spiritual and endless. With eyes opened by the potent power of faith we see death for what it really is—an incident of that larger life of the spirit which neither pain, nor death nor mere circumstance can alter or destroy. We would be true to our God and to the memory of our loved brethren in the living of lives of courage, of faith, of helpfulness, and of hope. Only thus can we fittingly keep our feast of remembrance; and only thus can we worthily give thanks for those lives which have enriched our own.

Membership increased 5,065.

459 members were enrolled as 50 year Masons.

From fees \$61,180 were placed to the credit of the Charity Fund.

1,605 applications were rejected.

Your Committee wishes to emphasize the importance of Masons keeping in mind the worth of applicants and their desirability as members. It urges every Brother to carefully consider each case, where he is disposed to use the cube, and honestly and conscientiously determine that it is his duty to vote adversely before doing so and to feel justified in such action, and especially that he is not influenced by spite, prejudice or personal considerations but acting solely for the best interests of the Fraternity. This Committee is strongly opposed to the admission of any man of doubtful qualifications into our Fraternity and the subject is brought to the attention of this Grand Lodge only after most serious consideration. Your Committee sincerely trusts that it will not be necessary to bring this subject to the attention of the Grand Lodge again.

15 candidates who had suffered loss of a portion of their anatomy were admitted under the following section of the code.

“Sec. 285—Physical Qualifications—Who Eligible for Degrees (As amended 1918)—A man to be eligible for the degrees must be able to conform to all the ceremonies required in the work and practice of Masonry. The substitution of artificial parts or limbs for portions of his natural person shall not be a bar, provided such are under practical control of the petitioner. Deformities or blemishes of the natural person may or may not be disqualifications depending on the nature and extent of same.

“Masters and Lodges will be held strictly accountable for the observance of this Law. The Lodge has a discretion which must be exercised with care and prudence.”

It will be observed that a man to be eligible for the Degrees must be able to conform to all the ceremonies required in the Work. It will also be noted that the substitution of artificial parts or limbs for portions of the natural persons shall not be a bar, provided, however, that such artificial parts are under practical control of the petitioner.

Bro. Louis Block, P.G.M., in a foreword on Fraternal Correspondence stresses an important point.

The ritual is the basis of all our Masonic work. It is the foundation that supports the whole superstructure. It is our Masonic declaration of principles. It serves the Mason as the catechism serves the churchman. It furnishes the plans and specifications according to which we build our "house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

Iowa Masons have ever felt that the ritual was far too sacred a thing to be subjected to the profanation of the printed page. We have always felt that it should be made part and parcel of the very being of each initiate—that until the candidate was *imbued* with it, he had no right to truly call himself a Mason.

This was not a thing to be done by handing him a book that he might read. It was only to be done by personal impress and personal impartation—it was only by word of mouth given to attentive ear by instructive tongue that its beauties could be securely lodged in the repository of faithful breasts. The Iowa Mason is required to commit "the lectures" and be examined upon them in open lodge. Thus he always has his ritual with him, because it has become a part of him. He is like the Irishman who has no need for "credit for wan drink" because he already "has it in him." It lies deeply imbedded in him—stays with him by night and by day—through all the ups and downs of life—ever ready with its power to comfort, to console, to cheer and to inspire. Thus is it made to shine through his daily life and conduct.

He refers to our present Grand Master in the following terms:

The opening page of this book is illuminated and adorned by the noble picture of our good friend, Grand Master William N. Ponton of Belleville. It has never been our good fortune to have personal contact with this splendid gentleman, but he has endeared himself to us by the greatness of his heart and soul, and by the heroic efforts he has made to contribute to the splendid achievements of Masonry in the world.

He quotes as follows from M.W. Bro. Harcourt's address. It was fully appreciated:

"We are beginning to realize that peace is not in a proclamation or on a parchment but in the hearts and souls of men. There can be no peace on earth except among men of good-will. We must have a set and resolute purpose to seek the good of others, other men, other classes, other nations. We must cultivate a spirit of mutual service and fellowship, of unity and good will. There has been too much of the emphasizing of class differences, too much criticism of each other and too little desire to understand each other. Man has been trying to raise a superstructure on the sands of discontent, distrust and discord. The world today needs a change of heart and the spirit of optimism. Let common sense take the

place of hysteria and co-operation and concession the place of sullen refusal in the settlement of disputes. Let us practise, preach and teach the principles which our beloved Order promulgates, brotherly love, respects for the rights and feelings of others, and let us carry a message of cheer and encouragement to all men in all ranks of life."

R. C. B.

IRELAND

At the stated Communication held in Dublin, on December 27th, 1922, the address was delivered by R.W. Colonel Claude Cane, Deputy Grand Master, in the absence of the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Donoughmore, K.P., the Grand Master.

He calls attention to the establishment of a new office, the Grand Registrarship, evidently made to increase the possibility of rewards for Masonic service. He noted with regret the death of many distinguished members.

He spoke with much pleasure of the amicable relations existing between the Government and the Masonic order. He emphasized the satisfaction of all in the unity which held between the Brethren of the North and of the South. He said:

"The Masons of Ulster, equally with the Masons of Dublin and the South, have one great common heritage, the Grand Lodge of Ireland. The Grand Lodge of Ireland is the Grand Lodge of Ireland, not of any particular section of Ireland. As long as it remains the Grand Lodge of Ireland, it ranks as the second Grand Lodge in the world, and in point of everything except a few years of age, I think we can claim full equality with the mother Grand Lodge of England."

He spoke of having headed a deputation of Grand Officers who visited the Grand Lodge of England in October to see the investiture of the Prince of Wales as Senior Grand Warden.

The report of the Grand Secretary reviews briefly but interestingly the troublous times of the past year and ends with this satisfactory statement:

"The fact that the annual returns from Lodges in the South and West of Ireland are reaching headquarters daily proves that the

lawlessness which was rampant some months ago is being steadily brought under control, and that our Brethren in every part of the country, North and South, are actuated by an intense desire to uphold the great principles of Peace and Goodwill with which our Order throughout its whole history, and in every part of the world, has been so closely identified."

The following addition was made to the Grand Lodge laws:

"No member of any Lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Ireland shall be a member of or attend any meeting of any body or society which requires Freemasonry as a basis of or qualification for membership, except of such bodies as are included in the Calendar published annually by the authority of Grand Lodge."

The Earl of Donoughmore, K.P., Grand Master.

Colonel Claude Cane, Deputy Grand Master.

Henry C. Shellard, Dublin, Grand Secretary.

W.M.L.

GRAND LODGE OF SERVIANS, CROATIANS AND SLOVENES-JUGOSLAVIA, 1922

The Reunion in Convocation of this Grand Lodge was held on the 25th and 26th of March, 1922, at Belgrade and appears to have been a successful and fruitful gathering of Freemasons in that composite Jurisdiction. Your reviewer wishes that linguistic limitations and the differences in alphabetic type did not prevent him from giving an analysis of the varied proceedings, but must content himself with reproducing in English the letter in French (still the language of diplomacy), which accompanies the Proceedings and which enumerates the names of all the Grand Officers, including that of the Grand-Hospitaller, which reminds us of ancient Crusader times.

Belgrade, 4th April, 1922.

To the Foreign Sovereign Jurisdictions of Masonry.

Illustrious Brethren,

The Deputies who constitute the Grand Lodge of the Servians, Croats and Jugoslavia united in convention assembled the 25th

and 26th of March last past, have proceeded to the election of the Grand Officers of the Order for the year 1922-1923.

We are happy to send to you the list of the elected ones and we beg you to take note thereof.

Grand Master, Georges Weifert.

Grand Secretary, Jova Aleksijevic.

We take advantage of this occasion to express to you our hearty desire to see re-constituting themselves and becoming still more intimate the fraternal ties which unite our two Jurisdictions.

Receive illustrious Brethren our very cordial and fraternal salutations.

Signed and sealed by the Grand Master and Grand Secretary.

The good will thus expressed is heartily reciprocated by Canada in Ontario.

W. N. P.

KANSAS

Grand Lodge held the 67th Annual Communication in the Scottish Rite Temple on Wednesday 28th of February, 1923, M.W. Bro. John McCullough being Grand Master; and R.W. Bro. Albert K. Wilson, Grand Secretary. The Grand Master commenting in his address upon the conditions of the times made the following remarks:

The past year has been an unusual one in many respects. The era of prosperity, so fondly anticipated, has failed to materialize. Our state, largely dependent upon the production of agricultural commodities, has suffered more than many other states where there are many manufacturing centers. The coal strike at the beginning of the year, followed by the strike of the railroad shopmen, caused much distress in the localities directly affected and we have been forcibly impressed with the reality that the spirit of unrest is a serious menace to the fundamental principles upon which our nation was constituted.

To me it seems that one of the great dangers to human security is the disregard for law which seems so prevalent among all classes of people to-day. We, as Masons, are taught to patiently submit

to legal authority and to be obedient to the laws of the country in which we live. If we are to be good Masons, we must obey all laws, even though in some cases they may abridge what we believe to be our rights. We are also interested in seeing that every man, irrespective of race or condition, receives every protection which is guaranteed him under the laws of our country.

The condition and value of the Masonic Home is noted.

The Kansas Masonic Home, located in this city, is the monument erected by the Masons of Kansas, not to the dead, but to exemplify the greatest of all virtues, Charity. It provides all the comforts of home to those of our members and their families, who according to its rules, are entitled to admission. The number of the Home Family on January 1, 1923, was 203—this does not include employees. Under the management of the Superintendent and Matron, Bro. and Mrs. W. D. Snell, I believe every effort has been made to make it indeed a home for each and every member.

Strained relations with the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire are much to be regretted as the following will painfully indicate:

For the information of the Craft, your Grand Master is indeed pleased to say that New Hampshire stands out alone as the only jurisdiction which has ever declined to accept our official receipts as satisfactory documentary evidence, although they have been used in practically every jurisdiction with which we are in fraternal relations.

Therefore, in view of these facts your Grand Master has no hesitation whatever in presenting this matter to the Grand Lodge with the recommendation that it be referred to the proper committee for such action as may be deemed best, having in mind the position of our Grand Lodge in its strict adherence to the Ancient Landmarks, Charges and Regulations of the Fraternity, and its respect for all Laws and Regulations of other Grand Lodges with which we are in fraternal relations.

The Grand Treasurer reported Grand Lodge receipts of \$111,840.23.

There were 15 special communications.

The Secretary of Masonic Home reports total receipts amounting to \$118,763.79.

The Grand Oration was given by Bro. William A. Lewis from which we quote:

It has been said that "Masonry is a beautiful system of morality, veiled in allegory, and illustrated by symbols." Others have claimed that "Masonry is a moral and intellectual institution devised by its founders for the special benefit of men who wish to know the truth, and then with all their might to do it." Speculative Masonry exemplifies fidelity to truth and purity and has furnished a most complete system of ethics founded upon a belief in God, the Creator and Redeemer of mankind, and inspires in the soul a veneration for the Author of its being. Speculative Masonry points to the Bible as the great book of God's revelation; the Great Light of Masonry, and the rule and guide to every faith. Speculative Masonry is not a religion, nor can it be accepted in any sense as a substitute for the true religion of Christ, the Savior.

And again:

I know Masonry has a very distinct and definite mission to perform in this world in the purifying of the lives of the individual membership. It has worked within the walls of the Fraternity in building a product of character and manhood which should be able to withstand the stress of doubt and contradiction in the affairs of men, and through all retain that equilibrium and poise of mind which cherishes above everything—charity and justice.

This oration is a most masterly effort.

There are 436 Chartered Lodges with a total membership of 72,297.

Fraternal Correspondence was written by Bro. Albert K. Wilson, who writes by Jurisdictions and with great care. He quotes the number of miles travelled by the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario, M.W. Bro. W. N. Ponton as something over 17,000.

R. C. B.

KENTUCKY, (1921)

The proceedings of this Grand Lodge constitute a voluminous report which filled the reviewer with trepida-

tion. M.W. Bro. Fred Aker, Grand Master and R.W. Bro. Dave Jackson, Grand Secretary. Grand Lodge met in the Flexner Building, Louisville, Ky. on Oct. 18th, 1921. A list is furnished at the opening of all Grand Officers, P.G.M.'s, P.M.'s present and all representatives. It was the 121st Annual Communication.

The Grand Master spoke in denunciatory terms of the Klu Klux Klan from which we give the following striking sentence:

Any man or body of men, who presume to take the law in their own hands is considered by law a mob, and therefore subject them selves for prosecution by the laws of the land, and any Mason who is connected in any manner whatever in such unlawful practice is violating the principles of the great order of Masonry, and should if known be dealt with by having the severest penalty known to Masonry inflicted upon him or them.

Five charters were arrested because of failure of Lodges to make any report to Grand Lodge. They were afterwards restored.

The Grand Treasurer's report showed that he handled \$340,846.35. A splendid showing. There are 66,212 Masons and 606 subordinate lodges in the jurisdiction.

The Grand Secretary complains, as so many have occasion to do, of the want of promptness on the part of lodge secretaries. The following ought to be noted by all such officials:

I wish the Secretaries were here so I could talk to them personally and try and impress upon their minds the importance of promptly answering communications sent out from my office. Just at this time, especially, we have no time to write letters unless they be important, therefore they should have quick attention. When we write so often to the Secretaries, it is in effort to get data concerning the work done by their lodges. We are anxious that the records in this office of lodges shall be as nearly complete as possible, because an omission of dates, or of the name of the Lodge from which a brother is admitted may prove to the the cause of misfortune to a brother or his family in years to come, and we are doing our best to assist the Secretaries.

P.G.M. McElroy reported on necrology.

In the hush of this hour, we come to call the roll of our brothers who have crossed the Great Divide since our last communication, and the number is large—twenty-nine having answered the sound of the gavel in the Grand East. Indeed the roster of our dead for the past year is so large that it would violate the proprieties of this occasion to attempt to make any extended reference to their lives or Masonic record.

“Craftsman, have your work prepared,
Marked and numbered, duly squared,
That, when presented, no excuse
Shall keep it from the Builder’s use.”

The Educational Committee expressed itself through Bro. S. P. Browning. 47 children have been educated during the year. The idea is given in the following:

Speaking therefore, with the authority of the knowledge which I have gained by this close contact, I say unhesitatingly that the work of the Educational Trustees has been far and away the most important ever undertaken by the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, with the exception of the Masonic Widows and Orphans’ Home and of our Old Masons’ Home at Shelbyville. It has been a wonderful work, the good which has been accomplished has been far beyond what we had anticipated, and I am sure that the Brethren of the Grand Lodge will, in the future, wish to enlarge and increase the opportunities which this charity provides for the assistance of the children committed to our care.

The Grand Lodge of Kentucky was the pioneer in Masonic Homes. The chairman of the committee, W.M. Logan, has some valuable reflections upon their importance and worth. A new site is to be secured for a widow’s and orphan’s home and a million dollar fund is being raised for the work and upkeep. The old Mason’s Home is at Selbyville and is commodious and splendidly equipped. It is admitted the old folks are harder to look after than children.

The work of the Craft is not only material but also spiritual and it is probable that the spiritual side of the work is much greater than the material side. No brother can visit the Home without receiving inspiration and he carries that inspiration away with him as well as the fixed purpose to do more in the future for Masonry than he has ever done in the past. He carries the message throughout the State and the effect of his visit can not easily be measured. A brother who is not made a better man by a visit to the Home is devoid of genuine Masonic principles. Being inspired by the pure and holy feeling which must come to him by reason of his contact with those he, in common with the Craft, is helping, he becomes a missionary and spreads the gospel of fraternity everywhere he goes.

There is a cordial and sisterly relationship existing between Grand Lodge and the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.

M.W. Bro. W. M. Clarke comments, in the report on Fraternal Correspondence, on M.W. Bro. Harcourt's reference to the O.E.S.

It requires something of a stretch of credulity to suppose that members of the Eastern Star are seeking to pry into the (our) secrets and lodge proceedings, or that Masons affiliated therewith divulge either the one or the other.

By way of comment the reviewer would like to remark here that the reports of proceedings would be greatly improved if they were systematized, as it is they are a record of minutes, and if one wants to secure information on a particular feature of Masonic life, or a line of Masonic activities he has to search through the whole volume and even then often will fail to find what he is in search of. One and the same phase of interest often has reports from three or four different committees at widely separated times, appearing on different pages of the report. Would it not be advisable to exhaust one topic of interest at once? To many readers the financial statement, in its technical presentation, and its unvalued character, with so much repetition, is quite impossible to understand.

R. C. B.

KENTUCKY (1922)

The Grand Lodge of Kentucky held its 122nd Annual Communication in Louisville on Oct. 17th, 1922, M.W. Bro. Fred W. Hardwick being Grand Master and Alex. M. Woodruff, Grand Secretary. A splendid picture of the present Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Emerson E. Nelson appears on the fly-leaf of Proceedings. With respect to the presiding Grand Master a brief biography is introduced with the descriptive couplet:

"Kindliness is in all his steps, Truth is in his eyes
In all his gestures—Brotherhood.

and he looks it judging from his photograph.

In his address the Grand Master struck the following optimistic note:

Individually and collectively we should be grateful to the Grand Architect of the Universe for the many blessings bestowed upon us during this year. No darkening clouds of war hang over our country as in other countries. No famine, no pestilence, no insurrection or rebellion afflict our Nation. Peace and plenty and the liberties of a free people with all the glorious history of the past, is our portion.

True we have gone through a period of industrial unrest, the constantly recurring problem with respect to the rights of capital and labor. This situation was largely a natural aftermath resulting from the conditions and spirit of unrest of the World War.

Our troubles have been negligible in comparison with those of other countries.

It has been the policy of your Grand Master to discourage all debate and discussion upon subjects that would cause differences to arise among the brethren in the lodges. Those who have been disposed to carry their labor troubles into the lodges have been admonished that our fundamental teachings and obligations direct us to patiently submit to all lawful authority and to be peaceful citizens

He referred feelingly to the death of the Grand Secretary, Bro. Dave Jackson, on January 25th, 1922.

As Hiram slept, the widow's son,
So doth our brother take his rest;
Life's battles fought; life's duties done;
His faults forgot; his worth confessed.

Two medals of gold were presented to pupils in the Masonic Home having the best record for learning and deportment. There are now about 426 children and old folks cared for in the Home in connection with which the following paragraph will be of interest:

There are 175.15 acres of ground, together with the improvements thereon, including buildings and other essentials that have cost about \$125,000.00, which of course, does not include the cost of maintenance. The cost per capita for the last fiscal was \$362.00, making the total sum spent in that direction to be over \$18,000.00 for the year, with an average annual cost for the 21 years of perhaps \$12,000.00, means a total sum of over \$375,000.00, that have so generously been contributed by the Masons of Kentucky well may it be said that each and every brother has faithfully preformed his part in upholding the principles and teachings of Freemasonry, and

that the Old Masons' Home stands as a monument to their fidelity to their obligations and their warm hearted generosity so freely bestowed in erecting and maintaining a place of comfort and refreshment where the way-worn brethren may abide.

A million dollar committee is successfully raising the wherewithal to build and equip a new Home. The splendid Masonic charity of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky ought to be an inspiration to the continent of America.

The Grand Treasurer reports total receipts amounting to \$208,315.12.

\$33,911.75 collected for an infirmary for the old Masons' Home.

There are 618 subordinate lodges and 69,260 members under the jurisdiction of Grand Lodge. Of 17 appeals for charters for lodges, U.D. 14 were granted and three continued U.D. The following as to physical qualifications will prove of interest:

Elkhorn Lodge offered the following resolution to amend Section No. 115, which was referred to the Jurisprudence Committee:

Sec. 115. Physical Qualifications. A candidate for initiation must possess no maim or deformity which will prevent him from being perfectly instructed in the art and mysteries of Freemasonry, and in his own person instructing others by exemplification. Of all this the lodge is the sole judge.

Amend by striking out the last clause, and let it read.

Sec. 115. Physical Qualifications. (1) A candidate for initiation must possess no maim or deformity which will prevent him from being perfectly instructed in the art and mysteries of Freemasonry, and in his own person instructing others by exemplification.

The official editor of the organ of Grand Lodge is rebuked by the Committee on Jurisprudence as follows:

Introducing the article above named: "How Should a Fellow Craft Wear His Apron?" the writer assumes plenary power and authority to decide the question for the Craft in Kentucky.

He says: "We have been asked this question many times lately and we take this opportunity to answer all at the same time."

The writer then undertakes to decide a matter of law, and the manner of instruction to the candidate, in which he criticizes the law of the Grand Lodge, declares it erroneous and suggests a practice contrary thereto.

Your committee deems such course on the part of the editor irregular and presumptuous, and that it should be ordered discontinued in the future, and that any and all questions as to matters upon which the Grand Lodge has legislated, or should legislate, if propounded to such editor should be referred immediately, by him, to the Grand Master, for decision and action, as required by the Constitution and Regulations of the Grand Lodge.

Your Committee recognizes the right of the editor of the "official organ" of the Grand Lodge to suggest, or advocate, any change in, or modification of, existing laws, or the enactment of new laws, but is of the opinion that the Grand Lodge should not permit its "official organ" to be used in giving publicity to the private views of the editor as laws of the Grand Lodge, or in publishing his errors in improperly answering questions submitted to him.

A full list of all subordinate lodges with officers and members' names appears in the report.

The report on Fraternal Correspondence written by M.W. Bro. William W. Clarke does not contain any reference to the Grand Lodge of Canada. Probably it did not arrive in time. In return we report two proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky expecting a similar courtesy next year. In Masonry such fraternal relationships can confidently be anticipated.

R. C. B.

LOUISIANA

Grand Lodge met in the Scottish Rite Cathedral on Nov. 5th, 1923, Ira W. Sylvester being Grand Master and B. John A. Davilla, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master in his address referred to plans being made for the erection of a Masonic Home—"The dream of years to be embodied in brick and stone."

88 dispensations were granted.

Strenuous efforts are being made for the erection of a new Masonic Temple.

The address closed with the following optimistic note:

In conclusion permit me to express the pleasure I have had in serving you as Grand Master; my appreciation of the spirit of co-operation which has actuated the officers and members of the Grand Lodge and subordinate lodges, of the ready response for duty of my District Deputy Grand Masters, and in particular the helpful assistance rendered at all times by the Grand Secretary. All together and each for himself, they have shown me how powerful an influence for good, for harmony and true fraternity the Masonic institution really is.

I hold myself deeply indebted to the fraternity for the consideration and regard you have shown me and shall ever hold myself ready to serve whenever and wherever your good may be promoted, or your welfare advanced by any effort of mine.

Fifteen lodges were constituted and five instituted.

Total receipts \$107,841.72.

For relief the board reported having received \$3,942.65.

The Committee on Education reflect the interest in education, Masonic and otherwise, of Grand Lodge. The Towner-Sterling Bill received hearty support as for instance:

At the last session of the Grand Lodge the Towner-Sterling Bill was enthusiastically endorsed and I sincerely trust that every member will continue his best efforts to secure its enactment into law for the benefit of the children of this Country. Because of the fact that the opponents of this measure have misrepresented its purpose, scope and effect, it is but proper that in this report something should be said for the information of the Craft at large upon the benefits to be derived from the adoption of this measure.

In explanation the following is offered:

The purpose of the measure is to authorize Congress to vote \$100,000,000.00 per annum for public education and which will be distributed to the States according to their respective needs and surely if there is any State in the Union that needs help it is the State of Louisiana, because our percentage of illiteracy is about the highest of any State in the Union. The wealthy generally oppose taxation no matter how good the purpose may be, but we believe it is the duty

of the rich to help educate the children of the poor. The burden should be borne equitably.

Also:

If our Country will but accept the benefits of the Towner-Sterling Bill and will use the money for the purposes set forth and described herein in the way of vocational training, teacher training, education of foreigners and a diffusion of light and knowledge among the people at large, in the years to come we shall never regret it but shall see Our Nation become as the "path of the just which shineth more and more until the Perfect Day."

Bro. W. S. Slack gave the Grand Oration from which we offer the following quotations:

Putting to one side then any effort to instruct with regard to the origin or antiquity of our esteemed and venerated Order, since its origin is involved in the mysterious fastnesses of the past, and the deepest and most profound students of Masonry are at variance among themselves as to the exact time when the bright beams of light Masonic first shone upon earth, I dare not surmise or offer any suggestion as to the cause of its origination. We KNOW that it is of very great antiquity; for we are told that when Cleopatra's Needle, the great monolith that is standing in Central Park, New York City, and which is given a date more than five centuries earlier than that of the building of King Solomon's Temple to Jehovah in Jerusalem, that when that ancient granite monolith was moved there were found under its base certain emblems and symbols that only Masons and those learned in our art could decipher.

Masonry recognizes the truth of the proposition that necessity, as well as abstract ideal RIGHT and JUSTICE, plays a part in the making of laws the administration of government and the regulation or relations in Society; and rules, indeed, in all the affairs of men. It knows that FREEDOM follows FITNESS for freedom, as the consequence follows the cause; and that no people will be REALLY free until they are FIT to govern themselves. Therefore, it does not preach sedition nor encourage rebellion by a people or a race, when it can only end in disaster and defeat; or, if successful, in bloodshed and barbarism, and, at last, a worse servitude than before."

The Grand Lodge of Mexico's appeal was left aside for the present.

A full list of the membership of all the constituent lodges covers 316 pages.

There are 270 lodges and 31,270 members.

Foreign Correspondence is given by topical plan covering only 42 pages.

R. C. B.

MAINE

The one hundred and third Annual Communication was held in the Masonic Temple, Portland, Maine, on Tuesday, May 2nd, 1922. It will be seen that this is an old institution, having passed the 100th milestone. Edward W. Wheeler, Grand Master, presided. W. Bro. Charles B. Davis was Secretary.

There were seven special communications during the year. At the annual there were 269 delegates, representing 109 out of 206 chartered lodges. It leaves a large number of lodges without representation. Seven out of eight living Past Grand Masters were present, and 48 out of 56 representatives of the other Grand Jurisdictions.

The Grand Master gave a brief address in which he included a report of his official activities, and also made some important comments with respect to Masonry in general. We have not seen the spirit of Masonry or its mission better interpreted anywhere than in the following quotation. Such a word of wisdom is necessary in the face of an increasing tendency to engage in a variety of activities, social and political, in order to justify its existence.

The Masonic fraternity seeks no control over the processes of government and the enforcement of the law, and, as an organization, it takes no part in the solution of industrial and social problems except through the influence of its teachings upon the character and conduct of its members. The primary purposes of Masonry are to enlighten the mind, arouse the conscience and stimulate the noble and generous impulses of the human heart. It seeks to promote the best type of manhood and citizenship based upon the practice of brotherly love and the Golden Rule. When these results have been accomplished, the mission of Masonry has been achieved.

The membership of the jurisdiction is 40,677 including an increase of 2,179.

The Grand Master has the following in respect of physical qualifications:

But while we must not lower the high moral standard we have established, I am more than ever convinced that some modification may properly be made in our ancient decisions and regulations regarding physical disqualifications, which are more appropriate for operative than speculative Masonry and justify the suspicion that we give greater emphasis to the external than the internal qualifications of an applicant.

How far the O.E.S. has caught the imagination of American Masonry, and to what extent its inroads are possible is instanced in the following questions, which brought, of course, the only answer possible:

Question. Is it proper for a lodge to hold a public joint installation with a chapter of the Eastern Star?

Answer. No. It is not proper for a Masonic lodge to have a joint installation with any non-Masonic society.

Question. May a lodge accept a gift of a Holy Bible to be owned and used in common with a chapter of the Eastern Star?

Answer. It is not absolutely necessary for a lodge to own the Bible kept and used in its lodge room. But, while the use and ownership of a Bible in common with a non-Masonic society is not forbidden, it is not to be encouraged, as each lodge should be the sole owner of its essential furniture.

The conclusion of the Grand Master's address the writer finds it difficult to omit.

This moment is all that I have as my own,
To use well, or waste, as I may;
But I know that my future depends alone
On the way that I live today.
This moment my past and my future I form;
I may make them whatever I choose,
By the deeds and the acts that I now perform,
By the words and the thought that I use.
So I fear not the future, nor mourn o'er the past
For I do all I'm able today,
Living each present moment as though 'twere my last;
Perhaps it is! Who knows? Who shall say?

Inspired by this thought let us continue to labor whether we see the sun ascending or descending and patiently await the will and pleasure of the Supreme Grand Master. Each one of us has his

work to perform and his burden to bear until the working tools drop from our nerveless grasp, and the bells of Heaven shall toll the Vesper hour of Life's Eternity.

The Grand Secretary reports great improvement in the diligence with which the private lodge secretaries are discharging their duties to Grand Lodge.

Bro. Edmund B. Mallet, Grand Treasurer, showed receipts through the District Deputies amounting to \$13,565.40.

The Grand Lecturer reported 4 Schools of Instruction held, all of which were well attended.

"The interest in the work, and zeal in acquiring accuracy in ritual continue unabated, and brotherly hospitality and good-fellowship were everywhere apparent."

Grand Lodge disbursed \$4,058.00 for benevolence. The beneficiary fund is handled by a board of Trustees. The following regulation governing distribution was adopted:

In Board of Trustees, Portland, May 8, 1872.

Resolved, That applications for relief from the Grand Charity Fund must state the amount expended in charity during the past year, by the lodge making such application, the names of recipients, and the condition of the finances of the lodge at last annual meeting, or such applications will not be considered by the Trustees.

A full report of the 26 districts by the District Deputies is furnished including some 60 pages. One writer notes, "I have not made an official visit to Lafayette, No. 48, my home lodge, but have attended nearly every meeting." I think we will admit the Rt. Wor. Bro. did his whole duty.

Bro. Ashley A. Smith received foreign correspondence from 50 jurisdictions. He notes that the privileges of attending church without dispensation is freely given by the Grand Lodge of Maine, especially on the Sunday nearest St. John's day.

In his very ably written report he quotes with concision and wisdom much of value to the Craft.

From Saskatchewan he provides an important suggestion by the Grand Master.

Under "Rulings" he "comes out" against electioneering in a lodge for officers; this is what he said, quoting the words of the deceased Grand Master: "There is no rule in our Constitution preventing canvassing, but there is a sort of unwritten law of the Craft that there should be no canvassing for positions in the Craft. I quite appreciate that there are times when in the practical working out of the matter, a certain amount of canvassing is bound to be done by members of the Craft. Such canvassing, of course, should never be done by one who is likely to get the position, and think undue canvassing is to be very much depreciated." Which is about all that can be said against a practice which is a natural result of friendship, and the strong ties of fraternity.

With a master hand he touches upon the salient topic dealt with by M.W. Bro. Harcourt in Ottawa. He appreciates the value of the services our D.D.G.M.'s render.

One hundred and seventy-two glorious pages of the "Proceedings" deal with the individual reports of the D.D.G. Masters of the twenty-eight Districts of Ontario. Glorious, because they tell of duty done and valuable Masonic Labor achieved with an eye single to the interests of the Order; duty and labor too often unnoticed because of its very modesty and faithful simplicity and too frequently unknown because dimmed and lost in the greater light of higher official activities. But of such is the solid foundation of our Order.

R. C. B.

MANITOBA.

M. W. Brother John N. Jackson presided at the forty-seventh annual Communication of Grand Lodge which opened in the Masonic Temple at Winnipeg on the 14th June, 1922.

Masonry seems to be progressing favorably in the Province of Manitoba. Six new lodges were constituted during the year, making in all ninety-one lodges with a total membership of ten thousand, two hundred and eight, an increase of eight hundred and seventy-six during the year. The Masonic Club House at Norwood was re-opened by the Grand Master, and the new Masonic Temple at Swan River was dedicated.

The matter of the formation of new lodges and an increased membership is made the subject of some very salutary remarks in the Grand Master's address, which are amplified in the very remarkable report presented by the Committee on the Condition of Free Masonry.

The Grim Reaper was busy during the year, and we note with regret the loss of one Past Grand Master, four Past District Deputy Grand Masters, and eighty other members of the Grand Jurisdiction.

Under the heading "Fraternal Relations," which are stated to be most cordial and friendly, reference is made to a visit to Pembina, N.D., to attend the unveiling of a tablet to commemorate the establishing of Free Masonry in the Western States and Canada. The Grand Master was attended by about three hundred of his Manitoba brethren, and was elected an honorary member of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota.

In the course of an address of more than ordinary interest and eloquence, the Grand Master makes due recognition of the services of the Benevolence Committee, the Grand Secretary, the District Deputy Grand Masters and the Secretaries of the constituent Lodges.

The question of war memorials to perpetuate the memory of the brethren who fell during the Great War is also discussed, as is the subject of the care and maintenance of Lodges and Lodge Rooms.

There is much in the address that we should like to repeat, but lack of space prevents, and we simply append two extracts, one on the subject of patriotism:

Masonry teaches loyalty to flag and country. No man can lay claim to being a true man, a good citizen or a Freemason who is not truly patriotic. It should be our aim to see that the nations sharing the language of Old England shall hereafter stand shoulder to shoulder against arrogance, Bolshevism and oppression of any kind, so that they by united effort may safely guide mankind over the many difficulties, dangers and pitfalls that lie ahead.

Why should not Masonry be the great stabilizing influence of the world during the next few years, the rock upon which the waves of unrest in our own and foreign countries might beat in vain?

And the other on the subject of education :

Our Order cannot prosper where ignorance prevails, therefore it is a Masonic, as well as a patriotic, duty of every Free Mason to support, to the extent of his ability, not only all our public educational institutions, but every effort made to spread the light of Masonic truth and secure for ourselves some of the hidden riches of Masonry.

The report of the Committee on the Condition of Free Masonry presents a thorough and dispassionate review of the general Masonic situation. It deals in a very frank and candid manner with different unfavorable tendencies that are apparent in the workings of the various lodges, which, by the way, are not entirely peculiar to Manitoba, makes a number of suggestions, and is a very valuable contribution to the proceedings.

We also note the inspiring address of the Grand Chaplain R. W. Brother Rev. Charles E. Somerset on the subject of Masonry.

R. W. Brother J. S. MacEwing presented the report of the Committee on Foreign Relations and Correspondence. Out of deference to the expressed wish of Grand Lodge he follows the topical plan which was used by his predecessors, although he states that this form of dealing with the matter does not appeal to him, as he does not think a complete or intelligent education can be given of each Grand Jurisdiction without dealing with each one separately. There is obviously something to be said on both sides of the question, and Brother MacEwing has certainly given us a very interesting summary. We have read with particular interest that portion of his report headed "Shall We, or Shall We Not?" and the concluding paragraph dealing with the good points of Masonic practice as established by the Grand Lodge of England.

M. W. Brother A. B. Baird, D.D., of Winnipeg, was elected Grand Master, M. W. Brother James A. Ovas was re-elected Grand Secretary, and Winnipeg was selected as the next place of meeting.

J. A. R.

MARYLAND

Grand Lodge convened for the one hundred and thirty-sixth Annual Communication, in the city of Baltimore on Nov. 21st, 1922. An important semi-annual meeting was held on May 9th, 1922. Most Worshipful Bro. Warren S. Seipp, Grand Master, and Bro. George Cook, Grand Secretary. Plans are under way for a Masonic Home in Maryland as the Grand Master's address indicates.

At our Semi-annual Communication there was an overwhelming sentiment in favor of a Masonic Home, but the Grand Lodge was not ready to adopt the resolution presented at that time.

Believing that the expressed desire of the majority should not go unheeded, and in order to have the best advice available, I called a number of the brethren into consultation, and after several meetings and a thorough discussion, a new article to the Constitution dealing with this important matter has been drawn and will be submitted for your consideration later in the evening.

Another pertinent note deserves attention.

The Grand Lodge of Maryland has always been a conservative body, and I sincerely trust it will long remain so, and do what a great many individuals and organizations cannot do, and that is to tend strictly to its own business, and labor for the good of humanity and to relieve the distress of mind and body of our fellow-man, and in this work may God aid us and speed us on our way.

The Grand Secretary reports receipts of \$69,077.39.

The Board of Relief notes as follows:

We again received a great many complaints from the Fraternity regarding impostors and fakers. During the month of August there were no less than four working in our midst at the same time. At the September meeting of the Board the delegates were instructed at the meeting of their Lodges to call the attention of the members to the bad practice of promiscuous giving of charity and relief and

especially to call attention to the four men working the Fraternity at that time.

Concerning the library the Grand Master, who is an enthusiast, said:

Brethren, in regard to the report of our Committee on Library, I have always had a dream of what that library in my opinion, should be. I should like to see enough Masonic books of value in that library to send to each Lodge now and then—say at least every two weeks or a month—whatever they might require in the way of reading matter for their members. The time is long past when Masons are content to be Masons for the mere privilege of attending Lodge. Today we have a body of students and I would like to see steps taken by the Library Committee, with the assistance of this Grand Lodge to get rid of a reading room and make a library out of it. I would like to see the library put on a working basis, and if the Library Committee will take the trouble to get books on Masonic work, not only for distribution in Baltimore but to supply the Lodges when properly requested, I believe we will be doing a good work.

Fraternal Correspondence was written by R. W. Bro. Henry Branch. Once again Ontario is omitted.

There are about 125 lodges with a membership of 29,198.

R. C. B.

MASSACHUSETTS

188th Anniversary, December 27th, 1921. Quarterly Communication, December 14th, 1921. M.W. Arthur D. Price, Grand Master.

No. of affiliated Masons 103,188. 284 Lodges, 6 in China, 3 in Chile, 7 in Canal Zone, Total 300.

The Grand Master's address was analytical, business-like and broad-minded. "We are celebrating a new epoch in the history of world civilization—on that long flight of stairs up which mankind has been toiling through the centuries."

"Affection and mutual confidence among our members is greater than in any other place in the world"—

in spite of occasional back-sliding in the ranks. The Rainy Day Fund is featured, and in response to a call, over \$17,000 were generously subscribed. The tenth birthday of the Home was fittingly celebrated and the G.M. says, "I doubt if any of us would now consent to go back to the careless and insufficient form our charities took before the establishment of the Home."

Massachusetts has also a War Relief Fund of \$167,000, wisely administered. The contribution to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial amounted to the handsome sum of over \$115,000. In the opinion of the G.M. the Masonic Service Association has justified its existence in the practical application of Masonic principles to daily life and civic duty. Let us "breathe anew the breath of Masonic life." An earnest appeal was made for the due instruction of candidates on broad and basic lines "if we expect our Institution to continue to exist as it is at present constituted."

He rightly discountenances the ultra-progressive type of thought and action. The writer is the privileged possessor of a Henry Price medal, the gift of M.W. Melvin M. Johnson, and is glad to note the commemorative value set upon it by Grand Lodge. The administration of the Overseas Districts—a feature of the Commonwealth Craft—following British precedent, is carefully fostered, and in 1922 the G.M. visited these faithful outposts. Great praise is given to the "Official Family" as the Officers of Grand Lodge are happily termed. The G.M. concludes his address by giving with no uncertain sound, a warning against being led into the serious error of leaping into the arena where are being fought out the burning problems of the hour, and urges the continuance of the policy laid down by the forefathers, of digging among the ground roots of the vital things of life which underlie all good morals and all good statesmanship. Along this line we must train our young inexperienced members who constitute about 33% of our numerical strength. More light, more truth, the remedies and needs. On Dec. 27th the Brethren held their old accustomed feat—the grand festival of St. John, and the four regular toasts were duly honoured. To the memory of the Holy Saints John; to the memory of our illustrious

Bro. George Washington; to the memory of our Departed Brethren; to all the Fraternity wheresoever dispersed upon the face of the earth. A speaking portrait of Brother and President Harding precedes the vividly reported proceedings at the banquet, and in the speeches we get in contact with Masonry in action—Masonry at its best—of which a “glorious Company of Past Apostles” were with the G.M. the eloquent examplars—genial, good humour and high ideals characterized all. The Arms Conference at Washington proved a fertile text. “We want less of armament and none of war”—Dr. Philip Sze and M.Y. Chung spoke for the China Craft. The whole feast of oratory makes excellent reading.

There is no review of fraternal correspondence as Massachusetts does not exchange representatives. We venture to suggest that they lose and miss much of fruitful contact thereby. The appendix containing the noble address of M.W. Isaiah Thomas delivered in 1820 is a fine contribution to historical lore.

M.W. Arthur D. Prince, Grand Master.

R.W. Dudley H. Ferrell, Deputy Grand Master.

R.W. Frederick W. Hanilton, Grand Secretary.

W. N. P.

MICHIGAN

Grand Lodge met at Grand Rapids on May 23rd, 1922, the Presiding Grand Master being Bro. Robert P. Anderson and Grand Secretary R.W. Bro. Lou B. Winsor. A portrait of the present Grand Master appears as a frontispiece—M.W. Bro. C. W. McKenzie. The report of proceedings is neatly and conveniently compiled.

Bro. J. Tisch of the city commission extended the welcome of the city, which was responded to by R.W. Bro. Louis H. Fead.

The Roll of P.G.M.'s called to Paradise occupies a leading place in the report.

The Grand Secretary reported a membership of 130,000 Masons. He has an interesting note on the philosophy of time.

On and on it is going and where? Will it never rest—has it no place for quietness and repose? Is it a troubled spirit, cast out and doomed to wander eternally? Time is immortal. Time is the measure of physical existence. Each individual man is given the same measure of time each day of his life as is given to every other. Nature does not favor one individual at the expense of another in the matter of time to do the work of the day. But the man has power, through the exercise of his own free will to divide his time as he may choose and elect, so long as he retains his freedom, to use his natural endowments of his own free will. The innocent babe, with its cherub face and charming smile, of today, is the withered, wrinkled old man of tomorrow. Thus, time destroys all things animated and inanimate and but for the silent counter-force of reproduction so wisely created by the Almighty, the world would soon be a wild and desolate waste. But we need not despair if we will heed the lessons of Masonry. The gavel is given into our hands that we may remove those vices and superfluities which prevent our harmonious development. The remedy may appear drastic, but the results will compensate for the effort we shall make, and the suffering we shall endure.

He recommended a grant be made from Grand Lodge to the Michigan Children's Aid Society. A novel way of meeting responsibility for the children of Masons and a grant of \$5,000.00 was made for Near East Relief.

Bro. Frank O. Gilbert, Grand Lecturer, advocated the establishment of a bureau of education. This is a praiseworthy move. There is much need of vitalizing and galvanizing the ritual and precepts of Masonry into vital action and high enthusiasm for good.

Too many become Masons in name only and seem only to enjoy the work of conferring degrees and become able to wear a badge without so much as an effort made to learn what it means. If therefore our members are to serve Freemasonry, and make it effective for its high and noble ends, they must be taught what Masonry is, whence it comes and what it is trying to accomplish, and which applies to the spirit and teachings of the problems of the day.

The Michigan Masonic Home is situated at Alma.

A report was given by the Secretary of the Board, Bro. Herbert Montague, P.G.M.

Expenses \$50,542.99. Cost per capita per week \$2.22 or 10½c. per meal. Some \$4,000.00 were paid for repairs. There are 67 men and women in the Home.

The George Washington Masonic Memorial has been taken up with enthusiasm. The Secretary of the Association reports total receipts \$688,332.85. Head office at Alexandria, Virginia.

The Grand Lodge Queensland on request was formally received into the sisterhood of recognized jurisdictions.

There were 20 expulsions for unmasonic conduct. Masonry is doing well to keep the ideals high and thus to teach important lessons in moral values.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence went into the work very thoroughly. One note from the Grand Lodge of B.C. on the philosophy of clothes is of interest. It shows how we are often wrong in our estimate of human nature.

When on one of my visits to a somewhat small Lodge, I entered the Lodge-room, I was greatly surprised to see that every officer, both elected and appointed, was in evening dress. On my inquiring I found that it was a tradition of the Lodge that all officers should dress in such manner. Knowing that a considerable number of members of the Lodge were working men, and that the future members of the Lodge would be largely drawn from this source, I asked if such a condition would not have a tendency to deter very desirable applicants from applying for admission to the Lodge, but I was assured that the result was entirely contrary. I was equally surprised when some days later visiting a large and influential Lodge I found that the Master was the only one in evening dress. Knowing that such clothes would form an indispensable part of the wardrobe of many members of this Lodge, I was about to enquire of the Master why he was the only one so dressed, when he informed me that many of the other members purposely refrained from attending the meetings in evening clothes, thinking that did they do so it might have the effect of keeping other members of the Lodge who did not possess such from attending the Lodge meetings.

The writer reports on Canada's concern about the Grotto, and a petition for a Grand Lodge of coloured Masons. We are proud to receive so much recognition and the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Michigan in the fulness of the review and the complimentary allusions to our work.

R. C. B.

MINNESOTA.

M. W. Bro. Herman Held, Grand Master.

286 Lodges.

Membership 53,941.

The 70th Annual Communication was held in the City of St. Paul, January 17th, 1923, with the great majority of the Lodges represented in person by Delegates. Canada has the honour of having as her Representative the Grand Master himself, and it will be remembered that he attended our last Grand Lodge at Port Arthur in 1922. Of his visit to us he speaks most enthusiastically and comments thus:

The Brethren are exceedingly earnest in their work, and feel the responsibility that they owe to their Country. As hosts, our Canadian Brethren cannot be surpassed. We were royally entertained, nothing was left undone.

The Grand Master chronicles a busy and an interesting year and the days, he says, have almost imperceptibly passed into history.

The George Washington Memorial and the Masonic Service Association are earnestly commended to the Brethren, but about the Order of De Molay the Grand Master is discriminatingly critical. He was impressed by the initiatory Degree but with regard to the other and final one he says that it does not accomplish what it sets out to do.

The spectacular should to my mind be eliminated as it has a tendency to lead any of its members who might want to join the Fraternity to expect too much along that line, and, not receiving it, become dissatisfied. . . . The Order must be sponsored by a body other than the Blue Lodge, if such a body exist.

Very happy conditions appear to exist in Minnesota, the Grand Master having received only four applications for relief, but we find that special contributions were made and special work done among the

thousands of patients who passed through the clinic and the Hospitals at Rochester.

The Masonic Home received contributions from Grand Lodge of \$38,000, and it is now proposed to take over this Institution entirely on a half million dollar basis. The Brethren are stirred to action.

The Grand Master laid no less than thirteen Corner-stones, and comments thus:

The deep interest that Masonry takes in all matters pertaining to education, the upbuilding of the moral life of the community, the loyalty it displays to its government and the institutions of this country, and the stand it takes in its attitude towards service for mankind, makes the laying of Corner Stones for these structures a proper and a desirable function of the Fraternity.

What is the difficulty with Canada in Ontario in this regard? Why do we not stand in the same relationship to the public with regard to Corner-stones that our sister Grand Jurisdictions elsewhere do? Is it our fault or the fault of any officials of Grand Lodge? We are sure that none would shirk the work involved.

Among the many decisions of the Grand Master we quote two simple ones:

Q. Can a Lodge legally make an appropriation for a picnic?

A. No. This is not a Masonic purpose.

Q. Is wife abandonment and failure to support her a Masonic offence?

A. Although not specially mentioned in the Code, it being a crime under the laws of this State, it is a Masonic offence.

That the trouble through side issues is not confined to our Jurisdiction alone, is shown by the strong and urgent appeal of the Grand Master, which we quote:

Gradually, during the last years, organizations have sprung up in other States, that require as a pre-requisite to membership, membership in good standing in the Blue Lodge. Think

of the audacity, brethren, of using us as a foundation to build up organizations over which we have no control, and whose short-comings will be laid to all those bearing the name of Mason. I recommend the passage of a resolution which will make it a Masonic offence, punishable by expulsion, for anyone to join any order that requires membership in the Blue Lodge in good standing as a pre-requisite of its own membership, if that order has not been recognized by this Grand Lodge.

The conclusion of his eloquent address is an appeal for education, for obedience to law, for a single standard of morality and for service as the keynote of happiness.

The Reports of the various officials and Committees are clear and full.

The Grand Orator delivered a wonderful oration on "The Call to a New Civilization," which furnishes food for thought, especially along the line of United States Masonry and patriotism.

Canada in Ontario for 1922 is fully reviewed in the Fraternal Correspondence Report, of which R. W. Bro. E. A. Montgomery is the efficient Chairman, and long quotations are made from the Grand Master's address; the good work of R. W. Bro. E. B. Brown being, as usual, happily approved.

We hope that intimate, personal and official contact with the Grand Lodge of Minnesota may be maintained in the future.

M.W. James McConnell, St. Paul, Grand Master.

R.W. John Fishel, St. Paul, Grand Secretary.

W. N. P.

MISSOURI

The one hundred and second Annual Communication of Missouri was held in St. Louis, Oct. 17th, 1922. Grand Master Olaf A. Lucas, presiding. M.W. Bro.

Bert S. Lee is Grand Master for the current year and Bro. Frank R. Jesse, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master in opening his address said as follows:

There never was a time, in my judgment, when those outside the fraternity looked to it as a great power for good and a stabilizing influence in the fitful times through which our old world seems to be passing. Our ideals are high, our teaching constructive. We must live Freemasonry and not talk it. Let us practice out of the Lodge those duties we are taught in it, stand firm on the rock of the brotherhood of man. In broadening this tenet selfishness must be reduced and a greater uplift to ourselves thereby given, and the world at large convinced of the goodness of the Institution. Until craftsmen themselves recognize the true value and standing of Freemasonry, its power, in the world of men, must be weakened. Let us wipe off the cobwebs of archaism and vitalize the Order, get up to date, put Freemasonry to work. By this I do not mean the abandoning of ancient landmarks, but rather the abandoning of any idea that our sole purpose is the perpetuation of these. "Faith in God and the unseen is what the world most needs. That is the faith Freemasonry proclaims, but its power to affect the world, to leaven its materialism and indifference, lies in the life lived by its members."

The following will indicate the extent to which the symbols of the Craft are exploited in the United States:

I also recommend that the Grand Lodge adopt an authorized pin for members to wear and provide that no person except a Master Mason in good standing in some regular recognized Lodge, or the wife, widow, mother, sister or daughter of such, be authorized to wear it. We have a State law against wearing a pin of an organization to which one does not belong, but I understand it is ineffective to prosecute under it unless it can be shown it has been adopted by the organizations.

A fund for library purposes was commenced by an unknown friend by a gift of \$500.00.

Ten new lodges were chartered and two received dispensations.

\$73,210.00 were received during the year for Masonic Home, making a total of \$149,090.00. There are 659 lodges. There is an endowment fund of \$260,811.03.

R.W. Bro. B. A. Jenkins gave the Grand Oration. We quote a couple of paragraphs to show its thought on the doctrine of applied Brotherhood.

Do you suppose that if we had lived and loved this great doctrine, if we really believed down deep in our heart in the Brotherhood of man, there would be any little ragged newsboys sleeping in ash barrels or over the gratings of printing press engines these cold winter nights? You say that is an exaggeration; it isn't true any longer. My friend, I have seen it not later than last winter on Grand Avenue in Kansas City, on State Street in Chicago, and on Fifth Avenue or Broadway in New York. Little fellows with their bare knees showing through their trousers selling their belated news at midnight, in the snow. If we really believed it and practised it, every boy would be in school under a compulsory educational act—if we believed in the Brotherhood of man—Thoroughly believed it. (Applause).

Do you suppose if we heartily believed in the Brotherhood of man, there would be any great army of unemployed going back and forth over the face of our country, begging sometimes from door to door, a little dole, and making the lives of farmers' wives miserable through fear, if we really believed in the Brotherhood of man? But you say there is an old economic law, "He who will not work shall not eat," and that is just as true and unchangeable as the laws of the Medes and the Persians. But if we believed in the Brotherhood of man heartily, down to our toes, every man that wanted work should have a fair and square and honest chance to work. And that is not the condition under our system of society to-day. (Applause).

Grand Lodge contributes to the Fraternité Franco-Americaine toward the upkeep of 50 fatherless children of France. For this purpose some \$756.00 were advanced during the year. The condition and domicile of each child is known, and the committee have a personal interest in everyone of their wards overseas.

The report on Fraternal Correspondence is written by Rev. C. C. Woods, P.G.M. of St. Louis, M.O. It covers 50 Jurisdictions and opens with an interesting summary of statistics which we pass on. In the U.S. there was a numerical increase in Masonic membership during the year of 245,892. In other Jurisdictions, exclusive of England the increase was 18,997. The Masonic census of the world exceeds 3 millions.

In his introduction he observes very truly, as follows,
It is also a matter of sincere regret to observe personally and by information the fact that many who enter our lodge rooms do so with their eyes fixed upon something that they consider higher and better than the Blue Lodge. We are loyal to the Chapter, the Council, the Temple, the Scottish Rite, and to the Shrine (with some reservations), and we are altogether unwilling that the Lodge

should be considered and used as a mere ante-room or place of preparation for something that is deemed higher or more desirable, if not diviner, in character. There should be and there must be an increased appreciation of Ancient Craft Masonry as revealed in its three Degrees, or the result will be unfortunate for our Order.

Two and a half pages are given to the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario which is very generous recognition indeed.

R. C. B.

NEBRASKA

The sixty-fifth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska met at Omaha on June 26th, 1922. M.W. Bro. Lewis E. Smith being Grand Master, and R.W. Bro. Francis E. White, Grand Secretary. Judging from the address of the Grand Master the Grand Lodge of Nebraska has had some real leadership during the year closing. Bro. Smith is the right stamp of a Mason to occupy the Grand East. He found many things as they ought not to be and he set to work with a will and determination to realize in some degree a standard of interest and dignity compatible with the glory of the Masonic heritage. The note struck at the beginning of his address will furnish the key to the character of the Grand Master and his method.

We are here to review the activities of the past year and not what may be the best for the future. The reconstruction period has been as pronounced in Freemasonry as it has been in the business and social world. The problems that have been presented this year have been numerous and some have been extremely weighty. Early in the year I discovered that there seemed to be a distinct tendency of the lodges and the brethren to stray away from the tenets of the institution as laid down by our fathers; that the dignity of Ancient Craft Masonry was not being maintained in its purity; that there was altogether too much laxity in the lodges and among the brethren in the enforcement of the law. My conception of conditions leads me to believe that if we are to maintain our dignified position in the world as Master Masons, we must, ourselves, dignify the institution. We have grown so rapidly in the last few years that many of the younger brethren do not realize that Freemasonry is an institution with a foundation peculiar to itself and that every member should be a man, set apart, with high and lofty ideals.

With this thought in mind, believing that Masonic law was made to be enforced, I have required a strict obedience to the laws and regulations of this Grand Lodge. I have endeavored in every way to

use moderation, yet keeping in mind that, regardless of the individual the lodge is entitled to our first consideration. I have endeavored to administer the law with fairness to all, whether the lodge was large or small and whether the member who was involved was influential or not.

Several charters were arrested for not having representatives at Grand Lodge for two successive meetings.

Seventeen private lodges were called upon the mat for a variety of irregularities. Some with respect to the conduct of members which was being ignored to the great discredit of the Craft, others from sheer want of appreciation of the meaning of Masonry and indifference to its laws and customs.

Twelve lodges in which discord and confusion were found or where the officers were unable to carry out the ritual were visited and brought up to a sense of duty and reality. As a consequence of all this effort the work of succeeding Grand Masters for a time will be made easier and a proper tone instilled into Masonry throughout the whole Jurisdiction. The Committee to whom the address was referred observes as follows:

The address of your Grand Master shows a year of strenuous and faithful work, with a high resolve to meet unflinchingly every duty, to overcome every difficulty, and to uphold the honor and dignity of our time-honored Institution; to urge that Masons and lodges should, as far as possible, be advised that the Grand Lodge expects that it is the duty of all to obey the laws of the land, and to perform every duty as men and as Masons, and that all should walk in the straight and narrow path as becomes children of the Light.

Six lodges were constituted, three instituted and seven refused a dispensation for good and sufficient reasons.

Nebraska is an active member of the Masonic Service Association.

There are two Masonic Homes, one for old folks and one for children. In the latter there are 43 children.

Plans are under way to build a cottage for the chil-

dren's Home at a cost of \$50,000 of which \$20,000 is being given by the O.E.S.

The following quotation from the Grand Master's address is worthy of note:

It seems to me that the call for good citizenship was never clearer than today. We should as individuals stand squarely behind honest government, clean politics, and the public school system. In the many perplexities confronting the nation today clear thinking, clean minded, honorable men are needed in every walk of life, and every Master Mason should make it his individual duty to see that the community in which he lives is cleaned of grafting, unscrupulous politicians who, while in many cases are in a minority, yet control the destiny of the many. What a power for good we may be if we will but do our part! Wringing our hands, praying, or whining will accomplish very little if we do not have the courage to raise our voices and fight for our priceless heritage of liberty, justice and free government. Too many of our brethren, through the fear of personal unpopularity or for business reasons, sit idly by and permit others, who have joined our ranks for mercenary motives, to persuade them that Masons should not take an active part in public affairs, though they themselves have dragged their lambskin aprons into the very dust. Brethren, are we going to sit in contentment and self-complacency, or are we going to be a force in the world? What a wonderful responsibility rests upon the older members of our institution and the Past Masters of our lodges in setting an example to the young men who have in the last few years joined our ranks in such great numbers. It seems to me that our duty was never clearer than now. Have we the courage to carry forward the ideals of this great institution that peace and concord may once again reign throughout a united country?

R. C. B.

NEVADA

Grand Lodge met for the 58th Annual Convocation in the Masonic Temple, Reno, on the 14th of June, 1922. M.W. Bro. Louis G. Campbell presiding, and a brother who glories in the name Vanderlieth being Grand Secretary. We regret not being able to report on the Grand Oration by Bro. Otto T. Williams. These orations are, as a rule, eloquent and scholarly interpretations of the spirit of Masonry in relation to the times. Bro. Williams was, we gather, quite up to standard, but a copy was not secured in time to be incorporated in the report. "The address was an inspiring effort, and well received by all."

The Grand Master's address showed a year of

arduous labor, visiting every lodge but two for the omission of which there was ample justification. He speaks enthusiastically of the "utmost cordiality and brotherly affection wherever he went."

His Jurisdiction is very exclusive for the State of Nevada is an empire in itself. The P.G.M. W. M. David accompanied him in all his itinerary which speaks volumes for Bro. David's sustained intensity of interest in the Craft. The Grand Master has the following note of importance upon the question of decisions.

I look upon the jurisprudence of Masonry as being of immeasurable importance to the general welfare of the Craft. As there is a steady growth in Masonic ideals, so there should be a corresponding growth in the jurisprudence of the order. Law, from its very nature is not an exact science and never can be reduced to an exact science, as in mathematics, for illustration, for the reason that human judgments concerning what is right and what is wrong will differ as widely as environments and teachings differ. Decisions, therefore, can be nothing more than the expression by the deciding tribunal of what seems right in the case under consideration. Decisions of one Grand Master, even though approved by the Grand Lodge, should not, therefore, be looked upon as binding upon succeeding Grand Masters, but, rather, as advisory to those who follow. Such is the rule in the courts of the land, and a most salutary rule it is, for were it not so, then the error that creeps in by reason of the fact that the law is not an exact science would be difficult to eliminate from the structure.

Nevada is a member of the Masonic Service Association but the Grand Master complains that the lodges have not availed themselves as they might have done of the advantages it furnishes.

He spoke in high terms of the aims of the George Washington Memorial, and of the work being done by the De Molay Boys. The use of a cipher in getting up the work is not approved.

In my judgment, it is better that the errors which will naturally creep in, owing to the faulty memory of men, should find place in work, than that we violate the traditions of Masonry and forgive the use of a cipher. It appears to me that all ciphers should be prohibited by action of the Grand Lodge, and that the Grand Lodge should make provision for the Master of Instruction to furnish to each Lodge the necessary instruction, to the end that the work be made standard throughout the entire Jurisdiction.

His thought in respect to the right material for Masonry is expressed in the following, which will be thought by many to be revolutionary.

It is that real sterling worth in Masonry that has made men seek the honor and prestige that comes from membership in the order. I fear that at this time some seek the honor and prestige, without really being prepared in the heart and really desiring and seeking for the things Masonically worth while. If such there be, they are not Masons, even though they have taken the obligation and gone through the various forms of initiation and degrees and wear the badge. Those who seek the superficial honors and prestige, usually evidence that fact by an expressed desire to hurry through the degrees in order that they may wear some coveted emblem upon the coat lapel at the end of their quest.

The thought of building, of growth, a fundamental one in Masonry, can best be expressed by careful, deliberate and methodical progress in taking the degrees. If the orders of Masonry require that the degrees shall be taken more slowly and deliberately, such requirement will assist in excluding those who seek it for the unrighteous purposes I have referred to above.

I, therefore, recommend that to assist in the effort to admit only those who are really prepared in the heart to be made Masons, this Grand Lodge adopt legislation requiring that at least four months shall elapse between the conferring of the Entered Apprentice Degree and the Fellow Craft Degree, and at least six months shall elapse between the conferring of the Fellow Craft Degree and Master Mason Degree.

The following optimistic paragraph is a result of a year's observation.

Of its past usefulness in the lives of men as they have struggled to climb to higher civilization, we may well be proud; for its devotion to human problems of the present, we may be deeply gratified; and in its fine constructive outlook for the future we may be filled with hope.

The Grand Secretary reported receipts of \$3,981.10 from a total of 2,445 Masons. There was a gain during the year of 130 members. The writer cannot refrain from inserting the following telling paragraph from the vigorous pen of the Grand Secretary.

The dominant issues of the hour—education, patriotism and Americanism—are receiving due attention everywhere, and there is an increased activity along all lines of real service, an applied Masonic service to God, Country and Humanity. The ends of Masonry are best attained in loyalty to God, Country and Fellowman—to the

honor of our Maker, to the glory of our Homeland, and in making right living easy and smooth for our kind, and in these days Masonry is fruitful only in the ratio in which it is put into action for these purposes. True progress in Masonry can be measured only in terms of service. The Craft wants doers, servers—men of power and action, and as servers of our kind we must be men of God.

“Rise up, O men of God!
His kingdom tarries along.
Bring in the day of brotherhood,
And end the night of wrong.

“Rise up, O men of God!
Have done with lesser things,
“Give heart, and soul, and mind, and strength
To serve the King of Kings.”

There is a full list of all officers and members of constituent lodges, and of all officers appointed by the Grand Lodge since its organization in 1865.

Bro. Vanderleith signed the report on correspondence as Grand Commission of Review. He gives an excellent survey full of interest and bright with discussion on topics of special interest. It is rather a critique and provides notes and opinions of value to the whole Craft. He heads each Grand Lodge report with an apt paragraph of wisdom and worth from great minds everywhere. He expressed delight with M.W. Harcourt's address to Grand Lodge of Canada. He concludes as follows:

We need more of the real brotherhood within the Lodge. Having this we are surely better able to help them put a little more of the real brotherhood into the life without. A little more understanding is what we all need in our efforts to translate Masonry's visions and idealism into actualities.

“Lord, teach me to understand,
To know and feel the joys and griefs
And smiles and tears of all my fellow men.

But fill my heart with song,
That I may know why others sing the song
Of love, and praise Thee all day long.

But put me to the test,
That I may know why others err,
And grope about in darkness and distress.

And may I go my way,
Rejoicing with sympathetic heart,
Conveying light, if but one valuable ray.

Oh Lord, I crave not land,
Nor gold nor fame nor power, but hear
This prayer, teach me to understand."

R. C. B.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

The proceedings open with a report of a lodge of instruction held on Oct. 5th, 1922, and a semi-annual meeting of Grand Lodge held on Dec. 27th, 1921. The Annual Communication was held in Freemason's Hall in the city of Concord, May 17th, 1922. Walter G. Africa, presiding, and R. W. Bro. Henry M. Cheney being Grand Secretary. The Representation from Grand Lodges and the various constituent lodges is given in full.

The Grand Master's address was a concise report of his year's labours, with little beside, showing him to be a Mason of action, rather than words.

The Grand Lodge of New Hampshire was constituted in 1789, shortly after the close of our War for Independence, and numbered among the organizers were men who had taken an active part in creating this new nation—men who had a vision and could see beyond the clouds, and there were clouds in those days full as dark as we have today, and who from their experience in the councils of war realized the necessity and appreciated the benefits to be derived from these annual meetings.

That they builded well, our progress and advancement demonstrates, for we have grown from the original three Lodges to our present number of eighty, and from a few members to our present total of 14,186, having made a net gain of 842 during the past year.

Sixteen dispensations were granted during the year, sixty-six degrees by courtesy were dealt with.

Grand Lodge is an ardent supporter of the Masonic Service Association.

Efforts are being made to maintain a Masonic Bulletin for the Jurisdiction.

With regard to it the Grand Master says:

This is the official organ of all of the Masonic bodies of the state and should be supported by the brethren. A large majority of the Lodges in the state have voted to give one year's subscription to each new made member. This brings to their attention Masonic activities throughout the state and country, and I hope the older members of the fraternity will subscribe for it and thereby keep themselves informed in Masonic matters. Any profit that may come from the publication of the Bulletin is turned over to the support of the Masonic Home.

One Masonic Home into which 55 inmates have been received since its inception in 1904, is sustained by a per capita tax of 50c and \$10.00 from each initiated candidate. The latter being devoted to equipment and extension. Free subscriptions are also sent by the lodges.

Reports from the D.D.G.M's of the seven Masonic districts are given in full. These reports are full of expressions of praise and gratification for the conditions that obtain, and the work being done in the private lodges. \$12,449.03 have been raised for the George Washington Memorial.

The following resolution speaks for itself:

R.W. Brother Albert R. Junkins offered the following resolution and upon his motion it was adopted:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge grants permission for any Lodge under its jurisdiction to permit Chapters of DeMolay for boys to meet in its rooms, should such Lodge deem it for the best good of Masonry.

Grand Lodge does not allow dual membership.

The old charge, which says that every Mason should belong to a Lodge, does not imply that he may not belong to two or more, but in case of suspension or expulsion by one Lodge it would act as suspension or expulsion by the others.

Recognition was extended to the Grand Lodge of Queensland, but denied the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico and the Grand Lodge of Italy. A full list of the Grand Jurisdictions and the Grand Secretaries, with addresses, is furnished in the report.

Bro. Henry M. Cheney wrote his sixteenth report of Fraternal Correspondence. He apologizes for fathering this report for so long, but it is a work in which experience is of value, and tends to efficiency. He notes from his impressions received from reviewing proceedings, a growing application of Masonic principles to the everyday life of the Mason. This is the road upon which Masonry is travelling, as it seems to him, and it certainly is the only right one.

Sixty-three Grand Lodges are reported upon which covers 105 pages. We call attention to a splendid photograph of the Masonic Home at the end of the volume.

Bro. Cheney has an interesting note on M.W. Bro. Harcourt's brief account of the origin of the name Dominion in his Ottawa address. We have pleasure in passing it on that others may see it also, and we record our appreciation of the kindly wish at the end.

We hear Canada spoken of as The Dominion. For one we never knew its origin. In the Grand Master's address we find this statement of fact: When confederation was effected in 1866 there was much debate as to what term should be used in the way of designation. The seventy-second Psalm was appointed to be read in Anglican churches on that day, June 14. Sir Leonard Tilley, a devout churchman, arose and from the Psalm quoted this: "His Dominion shall also be from one sea to the other, and from the flood to the world's end." That settled it. With them we solemnly join and say, may Canada ever be His Dominion.

Some very interesting items are noted in this report, for example. In the Grand Lodge of England a brother was given the rank of P.S.D. on reaching his 100th birthday, having been 73 years an active and loyal Mason. Fees of honour are paid by those holding high office which are devoted to benevolent purposes. The Grand Lodge of Quebec is almost frightened by the avalanche of applicants making a gain of 1,099 in one year.

R. C. B.

NEW JERSEY.

There were twenty-two emergent Communications. One was of peculiar interest. It was called for

the purpose of putting Schiller Lodge No. 66 on trial for "insubordination and violation of the provisions of the warrant and the laws of the Grand Lodge." The proceedings are given in full because of the importance of the case. It demonstrates also the summary penalties that await lodges in N. J. that pursue a wilful course in violation of the time-honoured traditions of Masonry and the principles which alone can secure its unity.

The annual Communication was held in Crescent Temple, Trenton, on April 19th and 20th, 1922. M. W. Bro. Ernest A. Reid presiding, R. W. Bro. Isaac Cherry being Grand Secretary. It was the 135th annual meeting.

Twelve times during the year the G. L. was called upon to lay corner-stones.

Nine lodges were constituted.

With regard to physical qualifications the Grand Master has the following:

Two hundred and twenty-four cases of visible physical defects have been brought to my attention. All but twenty of these have been favorably acted upon. In fact I have been reluctant to refuse admission to anyone on account of his physical imperfections, and incline to the belief that it should be the internal, not the external, qualifications of a man which recommend him to Masonry. Too often I fear we go to absurd extremes in regard to visible physical qualifications, when the thing of real importance is whether or not the candidate has qualifications of intelligence, morality and character which will enable him to comprehend and participate in the great moral and inspirational service which Masonry is endeavoring to render to humanity.

A study of the proceedings of other Grand Lodges and conversations with distinguished brethren outside our Grand Jurisdiction convinces me that Masonic thought on this subject is changing and a more liberal attitude is manifested. I am in full sympathy with this liberal movement, particularly when, as has been the case this year, the physical defect has come as a result of a patriotic service performed in the cause of our country.

The following comment on the George Washington Memorial is illuminating:

The association grew out of a desire on the part of the Masonic brethren of our country to share with the brethren of Alexandria-Washington Lodge of Virginia in the privilege of custodianship of the intimate and personal relics of our brother George Washington. As later years have brought a wider knowledge and a more complete understanding of the life of our illustrious brother, a feeling has prevailed that the place where Washington labored as a Mason and the objects that he touched and used belong in a way to the Masons of the nation which he helped to create and establish.

The Grand Master referred to the splendid work being done at Fort Bayard, New Mexico, where is situated the largest government hospital in America in which are ex-service men in various stages of tuberculosis. A Sojourners Club was organized to make the needs of the brethren known generally, and generous contributions have been sent on. N. J. is giving \$2,200, an excellent gift for 60,000 Masons. How the stream of fraternal helpfulness flows from Masonic hearts through the channels of Masonic lodges!

A Masonic Home for old and young is maintained at Burlington. The conditions are not ideal, but it is felt when once such a home is established it becomes the loving care and interest of all the Grand Jurisdiction, and keeps on growing and developing as needs arise, through the increasing Masonic love for the fatherless and the dependent.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence has the following about Italy:

The National Grand Lodge of Italy has made a request for fraternal relations and submitted a very interesting statement of its governing regulations. I had the pleasure of an interview with its Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Raoul Palermi, who visited the United States a short time ago, and was gratified to learn from him of its close conformity to American systematic Masonry, especially as to its exclusive government of its 560 lodges, its requirements as to the presence therein of the Great Light of Masonry and its respect for the territorial sovereignty of American Grand Lodges. I recommend that the request of the National Grand Lodge of Italy be granted.

The writer of these notes noticed in reading the report of the Grand Chapter of Canada that Most Ex. Companion Spencer spoke approvingly of the De Molay boys. Just whether or not such an organization should be taken up by Masonry in this country or anywhere else is an open question. At any rate, it received the support of the Grand Master of N. J.

The question of smoking was again up for discussion. There is no Grand Lodge rule with regard to it. Each lodge must decide for itself. But the brethren are admonished to observe the ruling of the Grand Lodge of England in 1755, where it was "unanimously agreed that no brother for the future shall smoke tobacco in the Grand Lodge at the Quarterly Communication or the Committee of Charity till the lodge is closed."

The Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Canada showed the writer, a few days ago, a card index system which he has installed in the office, whereby the Masonic history of every member in the jurisdiction can be readily ascertained. The same has been completed in New Jersey.

R. W. Bro. Isaac Cherry reports 86,816 members, including an increase of 8,158. Total receipts for the year \$229,409.32—\$12,044.00 paid to Washington Memorial. The Masonic Home received \$18,677.08 for building and maintenance. Committees on Masonic Homes have sometimes difficulties, for instance:

A contract for boring an artesian well having been made by the committee of 1920, in order to obtain a supply of water necessary for the enlarged building, the work was started without delay, but your committee regrets to say that results obtained are far from satisfactory. Water was found at a depth of 194 feet, but it contained large quantities of iron, and it was decided to drill deeper in the hope of obtaining purer water. The work of drilling continued to a depth of 366 feet before other water was reached. This, too, contained iron and not fit for use until filtered. Continued drilling failed to locate water, and it was resolved to return to the first strata and leave the problem of its purification to the new committee. This has been done because no agreement could be arrived at as to the method of its refinement, and a reluctance, at a late date, to

decide the question without mature deliberation, which the life of your committee rendered impossible.

The Masonic Bureau of Industry has been in existence for eight years. Note the following:

The applicants so placed during the past year, added to all previous placings, bring the total of applicants placed by this Bureau since its organization in September, 1914, up to 2,570, with an earning power, at the time of placing, of \$3,470,654.00.

Truly a wonderful Masonic work, and accomplished at no cost to employer or employee.

Thus in the past year the Masonic Bureau of New Jersey was instrumental in placing 202 more applicants in positions than in any previous year, a fact worth while, especially when the depression in practically all lines of business is considered.

As in previous years, this Bureau received a great many applications by mail, and these, for reasons given in our 1921 report, cannot be handled unless the applicant appears in person at the nearest district office.

The Masonic Service Association is functioning successfully in this State:

It has been the object of the association during the past year to keep the activities primarily dedicated to this program presented through appropriate bulletins elaborating the precepts of the brotherhood of man in terms of present-day problems and needs, and designed to arouse the Craft to an appreciation of the danger in the grave unrest throughout the world, the apparent increase in the dominant power of selfishness, and the fact that if the fabric of our society and the happiness of our people are to be saved in this crisis, we, as men and Masons, must give to ourselves and to the world a new, a full and inspiring appreciation of the great principle of unselfish service to humanity taught by the symbolism and required by the obligation of the Mason.

M. W. Bro. Harcourt is quoted as follows in the report on Fraternal Correspondence, with which the correspondent heartily concurs:

A great deal is being said about democracy, and for the most part it is simply cant. It is a much abused word. There is a true democracy and a pseudo democracy. The latter, to

the world's great sorrow, is now having too long an inning. Its leaders easily outvie Czars and other autocrats who aim at the restriction of universal rights. In a true democracy every man is in himself a ruler in the best sense of the word, practising the Golden Rule. Masonic ideals are essentially the ideals which stand for the true universality and the only true democracy. He that ruleth himself is better than he that taketh a city.

The following note is made with respect to our present Grand Master:

After two years' service in the capacity of a "beneficent autocrat," our M. W. Bro. is succeeded by Bro. William N. Ponton, whose authorship we miss from the report on the "Condition of Masonry," but expect to again welcome next year in his address from the throne, to which he ascended this year.

R. C. B.

NEW MEXICO.

There were nine special Communications, which are reported in outline. At some of these the Grand Master gave an address. On one occasion, that of laying the corner-stone of the Geo. H. Van Stone public school, he said:

That we regard the Free Public School as the bulwark of the State and Nation and that it must be preserved under the sole dominion and direction of the State, without interference by any other influence, political or ecclesiastical; That any individual institution or influence, political or ecclesiastical, which in the smallest degree or most diplomatic manner, seeks to destroy this time honored institution or limit its usefulness, shall be deemed an enemy of our common country and a menace to our free American institutions by the Masons of Indiana; That we regard all teachers of our free schools as trustees of the most important responsibility in the Nation, and that upon them depends our national endurance and happiness. That they should be of the highest type of manhood and womanhood, who cherish American ideals above any other influence, political or ecclesiastical, and who recognize the authority only of a just and merciful God and this great American government.

My friends let there be no mistake as to the attitude of the Masons of New Mexico; we stand four-square for our public schools. To all creeds and to all political parties we say "Hands Off," the education of our children shall proceed along

the lines laid down by our forefathers, with equal opportunity to all and utterly free from the dictation or interference of any religious dogma, directly or indirectly. The public school system is primarily the child of Masonry and it shall have our unqualified devotion and support. Let us guard its best interests; let us make it our business to know who are running our schools and what influences are behind them; and let us see to it that they are the agencies they should be for truth and knowledge and the principles of true Americanism.

The 44th Annual Communication was convened in the Hall of Temple Lodge No. 6, City of Albuquerque, on February 20th, 1922. Bro. Francis E. Lister, Grand Master, and Bro. Alpheus A. Keen, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master in his address reported an increase in membership, but no new lodges formed. He referred feelingly to those who had been summoned above, from which we quote the following reflection:

The democracy of death must some day claim us all; and when that day comes the record left by each one of us will be written, not in terms of material wealth, or worthy promises, but in the character we have built and the measure of service we have rendered to our fellowmen. The departure of our brethren should remind us that we have something else to live for than our own selfish welfare and that he best serves himself who serves his fellowmen.

A questionnaire had been sent to all the constituent lodges, the information from which is condensed in a manner which will prove helpful to the whole jurisdiction:

The information given by these questionnaires was interesting and enlightening. A compilation of that information reveals the fact that the average attendance of Masons in our lodges is less than 20 per cent. of our membership. It is significant and generally true that our small lodges show the best average attendance; the largest lodge in the state reports an average attendance of less than 9 per cent. and the second largest about 11 per cent. The majority of lodges report social activities and refreshments at meetings at least occasionally and those that report no activities of this kind indicate an inactive condition in their Masonic life. The reports show that approximately 11 per cent. of the income of our constituent lodges is spent annually for social features and refreshments; while only 8 per cent. is spent for purposes of relief and charity. The advantage of holding joint meetings with nearby lodges is clearly indicated by the fact that those lodges en-

gaging in this practice enjoy the greatest activity and development. Practically all Masters of Lodges favored in their reports the holding of these joint meetings.

Generous contributions had been made for the George Washington Memorial. We must honour our American cousins for so heartily co-operating in this Masonic and patriotic enterprise.

A most commendable move is being made for the establishment of a tubercular sanatorium for Masons, of whom it is said 40,000 are suffering from that affliction, by the Grand Lodges of New Mexico, Arizona and Texas. The Grand Master holds decided opinions on the subject of physical qualifications. He refers to the action of other Jurisdictions and expresses himself in sympathy with the liberal attitude which only properly interprets the true spirit of Masonry:

I do not hesitate to say that I would much rather see in the membership of a lodge a brother who has lost a limb in the cause of freedom and the brotherhood of man than a brother physically perfect who failed to answer the call of his country when she needed him.

There is no defined policy as yet with regard to a Masonic Home, but Masonic relief is generously handled.

The need of Fort Bayard Hospital for tubercular ex-service men had the Grand Master's careful attention, and his earnest endeavour to assist the Sojourner's Club organized there to help brethren in the hospital.

The mind of the Grand Master in respect to relief is shown by the following:

To our unfortunate brethren we are doubly bound by the ties of human brotherhood and by our obligations as Masons. "Charity begins at home,"—and though we may have calls from a score of worthy causes, our first duty is to our own brethren. I have repeatedly urged upon our lodges, when relief is needed for a distressed brother, that the call demands immediate response and the necessities of the case constitute a first charge against the assets of a lodge. It is no excuse

from that obligation for a lodge to plead that it still owes a debt on its building; better increase that debt than neglect an afflicted brother. The only standard of charity that really counts is the kind that involves genuine self-sacrifice. Giving that costs nothing in self-denial or service is neither real Charity nor good Masonry.

New Mexico, like a few other jurisdictions in the U. S., is developing educational work on their own behalf as well as in co-operation with the Masonic Service Association, as follows:

A careful analysis of the results of our Educational Service in New Mexico during the past year and of the demand that exists for it and the cordial spirit in which it has been received by our constituent lodges, convinces me that it is sound in principle Masonically. The day when Masonry can be satisfied with confining its labors to degree work and secret cogitations and nothing more has passed, I hope, forever. In exalting Ritualism we have forgotten the application of its teachings translated into terms of duty to our fellowman and our government. Our brethren are hungry for a practical, living, virile conception of Applied Masonry, and that hunger must be satisfied if Masonry is to be anything more than a self-satisfied organization. Our duty is first to educate our own brethren; to show, for example, what Masonry can be as a moral force for good today in comparison with what it was in the early days of our republic; to insist upon the instruction of our newly-raised members to the extent that they realize that with new light and opportunity come duties and responsibilities, not alone to their brethren but to their fellowmen; and that Masonry and good citizenship are synonymous terms. A Masonic lodge that confines its activities to lodge room work alone and whose influence does not extend beyond its lodge room does not justify its existence. The need for the application of the principles of Masonry to the problems of life and government was never greater than it is today; and that need can be met best by educating our own brethren to their opportunities and duties.

Bro. John Milne reports on Foreign Correspondence. In his introduction he observes as follows:

Several Grand Lodges have forbidden, by legislation, a Master Mason to apply for higher degrees until after he has passed a proficiency examination in the Master Mason degree or has been a Master Mason for one year. Some "higher bodies" would also compel the Master Mason to season for a time. Something for a Master Mason to do in his blue lodge as suggested by the Masonic Service Association and by New York in its educational bulletins ought, and will, in our opinion, make legislation unnecessary.

The phenomenal growth that followed the war continues. Isolated attempts have been made to curb the growth of limiting the number that may be raised in one year. It is needless to say that a lodge may be overworked, but I cannot concede that continued rapid growth is a danger sign. Our confidence in the ability and determination of Lodges to choose their material wisely has not been shaken.

A ruling of the Grand Lodge of Kansas with regard to dancing in a Masonic Temple indicates the high plane upon which the dedication of such temples places them in the esteem of Masons:

Dancing.—There is no distinction or difference in the application of Masonic Law, between a lodge room and any other room of a Masonic Temple or building, whether such other room is above, below or along-side of the lodge room, in such building owned or controlled in whole or in part by the Lodge and used exclusively for Masonic purposes. A part of a Masonic building cannot be erected or dedicated to God and a part to frivolous entertainment. It is therefore unlawful to use any part of such Masonic Temple or building "for dancing purposes" or to form or maintain a "dancing club" therein, or to institute or maintain a "dancing department" or "head-quarters dancing department" in any part of such building, or to hold entertainments of any kind therein, to which an admission or other fee is charged or collected.

Bro. John Milne adopts the topical plan in his report. We must confess it is not as satisfying reading as the regular plan.

R. C. B.

NEW SOUTH WALES

The 34th annual report of the United Grand Lodge contains the minutes of four quarterly meetings for the year ended June, 1922.

The outstanding feature of Masonry in New South Wales is the attention paid to benevolence. The following report by the President of the Freemasons' Benevolent Institution explains something of the work done.

"First of all, there is the Board of Benevolence. During the year it has distributed £5,149, and the total relief distributed to date is approximately £51,000. Then comes the Freemasons' Orphan

Society, which has given away £1,768 this year, and a total to date of £23,270. There are 71 orphans at present on the books. The Cottage Hospital (attached to the Camden Convalescent Home), which belongs to Grand Lodge, and maintains 6 beds for unfortunate Freemasons, has had 27 patients during the year. The Grand Master's War Fund has granted £3,221 this year to incapacitated soldiers or their dependents, making a total of over £20,000 expended in that manner. In addition to this, Grand Lodge voted £690 to Hospitals and other public charitable institutions, making a total of £8,000 disbursed in a similar way. And lastly, our own Institution has spent £7,081 during the year, making a total since its inception of £46,580. These figures speak for themselves. With these figures ringing in his ears no one who has been initiated into Freemasonry need be afraid to hold up his head when our Craft is mentioned; and should our Order be decried, if we can only quote these figures, it will satisfy everyone that we are doing a great and good work."

Wor. Bro. Kolling, who was born in Pennsylvania (where the Quakers hail from), has donated the sum of £100,000 to endow a College for Boys which he has handed over to the Grand Lodge. But the story does not end here. Through the energy and enthusiasm of the Grand Master the Grand Lodge has voted a sum of £20,000 to establish the "William Thompson Masonic Schools" for boys between 5 and 11, and for girls between 5 and 16, and has provided for its maintenance.

Following upon the decision arrived at last year the Committee on Foreign Correspondence are continuing the method then adopted, under which, instead of the various reports of other jurisdictions being separately reviewed, the various subjects arousing interest elsewhere are dealt with as a whole under separate headings. The Committee hopes that in this way it will be possible for brethren to gain a more comprehensive view of the progress and meaning of Freemasonry throughout the world.

Lodges in June, 1922, 388.

Members, 45,027.

Grand Master, William Thompson.

Grand Secretary, Arthur H. Bray, Masonic Hall,
Sydney.

T.S.

NEW YORK

141st Annual Communication.

Robert H. Robinson, Grand Master.

No. of Lodges 902.

No. of Master Masons 272,634.

Receipts by Grand Treasurer \$652,148.

Canada was represented by M. W. Bro. Thomas Penney. Grand Lodge was opened in ample form with prayer by Grand Chaplain Cadman, from whose utterances many striking paragraphs might be cited. "Save us from trust in mere ritual and outward observance and elaborate insignia and dignified ceremonialism." "We thank Thee that Thou hast brought to pass the erection of a great hospital that bears our name—Thou dear God and Father who art ever nearest to the neediest." "Enable these men to go back to their respective Cities and Lodges, having glimpsed the greater City of God—and bind us one to the other with the chains of a living brotherhood."

The Grand Master's address is more than an inspirational record of manifold progress—it is a rallying call to service, and is full of the vision splendid and of his endeavour to make that vision a constant and ceaseless reality. "Like the sea, opportunity carries us forward on its bosom towards the harbor—towards the goal of our desires." The Grand Master pays a noble tribute to those who now rest from their labours. The life work of M. W. William Sherer—the oldest P.G.M.—was given foremost mention as the Nestor of New York. He held his trust in a certain large simplicity but with absolute conviction. He shone steadily, not intermittently, with optimistic wisdom.

The G. M. laid the corner-stones of several structures and constituted and dedicated many Lodges, in all which ceremonies the Grand Lodge Officers participated, with fidelity to the duties of their offices. The G. M. specially commends the great work of the

Masonic Home. Here are a few excerpts from his deep appreciation of the efficient philanthropic work done: "Perhaps there is no word in the English language around which there cluster memories that bring to the mind and heart such feelings of peace and contentment as the magic word 'Home.' . . . The beneficent purpose of our great work is to restore to those of our Masonic faith and kin, both old and young, to whom the misfortunes and adversities of life have brought loss and deprivation, the benign blessings of 'Home.' "

The Scottish Rite Bodies of N. Y. erected a Memorial Cottage in connection with the Home at Utica, and it was presented to Grand Lodge through that well-known and public-spirited Mason, John Lloyd Thomas, "as a dwelling for the older girls at the Home, wherein to learn the practical duties of housewifery." On June 14th National Flag Day was celebrated in every Lodge—a worthy precedent for other Jurisdictions. The Hospital and War Relief Fund received generous support. The establishment of an official Masonic Periodical that will reach every Brother of the Craft, to cultivate fallow ground and imbue the members with the spirit of our Brotherhood, is proposed. Social and educational service with specially qualified speakers, is to be continued and enlarged. The need of co-operation through the Masonic Service Association, which has passed the experimental stage, is emphasized. The Geneva Conference is interestingly, if not convincingly, commented on. The G. M. concludes: "The prospect is thrilling, our strength is in God."

"When life ebbs low,
And death is drawing nigh,
God of Eternity—stand by."

The Reports of the Committees on Foreign Correspondence and Relationships, on Antiquities, and on Libraries are comprehensive and suggestive. Some excellent speeches, and letters of high literary style, are printed in full and make delightful reading. It is the custom in N. Y. for the G. M.-elect to deliver an

address, which he did in earnest fashion and with clean-cut judicial diction. Canada in Ontario is treated generously and M. W. Bro. Harcourt is appropriately characterised as a "plain spoken, scholarly, vigorous man with a keen sense of humour and a lovable personality." R. W. Bro. Brown's skilled touch is appreciatively referred to.

M. W. Arthur S. Tompkins, Grand Master.

M. W. Robert Judson Kenworthy, Grand Secretary.

W. N. P.

NORTH CAROLINA.

The Report of Proceedings of Grand Lodge opens with a list of P. G. M.'s dating back to 1787. The 135th Communication was held in the city of Raleigh on January 17th, 1922. The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. James H. Webb, delivered the shortest address we have yet seen from a Grand Master, having reviewed some thirty reports. It is not, however, wanting in merit. It is terse and pointed in phraseology and keeps strictly to the work of Grand Lodge. An unusual experience was a meeting for members of the staff and employees of the Southern Railroad. The officers of the Lodge were all employees of the Road, and they banqueted Bro. Fairfax Hamilton, President of the Road. We venture the prophecy that there will be no industrial troubles in connection with that enterprise.

Total income of Grand Lodge \$76,681.11.

The Order of the Eastern Star co-operate in keeping a Masonic Home for aged and infirm Masons, beside which there is a Home for Children which does not limit membership to Masonic connections.

This noble charity still challenges the admiration of the State, furnishing as it does food, clothes, homes and a splendid education for 394 of the orphans of our State. About 75 per cent. of the orphans are children of non-Masons, which shows another evidence of the breadth of our Masonic charity. I commend this great charity to the fraternity and ask the

Finance Committee to make to this great work as large an appropriation at they possibly can.

The Grand Secretary reported having received during the year over \$100,000, including contributions for Masonic Temple Construction Co.

There were 449 lodges and 36,576 members; five dispensations were issued for new lodges. A strong appeal was made for the completion of the per capita levy of \$100 for the George Washington Memorial.

Bro. S. R. Harris gave an oration which was greatly appreciated. We quote as follows:

In nature there is no absolute rest. In the human mind and in the human heart is no perfect satisfaction. Each success is only a rung in the ladder to higher achievement. There is no goal absolute. Progress calls men, and they thrill to the appeal of "The farther on." Seeking that which was lost has been the grand allurements of the past. Looking for that which is to be, is the inspiration for present day effort and for future development. Human need has no salve in the passing years, and no alleviation in passive redemption. The hard hand of necessity is on us. However that hand is not beyond human control. Humanity's destiny is in humanity's hand. We shall always be the architects of our own fortunes.

The Masonic Service Association was highly approved of. The following will show how it is meant to be worked out through the Lodges:

As reported to you in my report of the second annual meeting of the Association, the activities of the Masonic Service Association were ordered to be directed during 1921 primarily to a program to be presented through appropriate bulletins, elaborating the precepts of the "Brotherhood of Man," in present day objects and needs.

This instruction was carried out by the Commission and after several conferences on the subject they finally came to the conclusion that the definition of the "Brotherhood of Man," which would most nearly meet the requirements of the resolution passed at St. Louis, could best be stated in the following terms:

1. Religious Liberty,
2. Equality before the Law,
3. Equality of Opportunity,
4. Dignity of Labor.
5. Charity.

These five principles cover every phase of the right relationship between man and man as it is expressed in the Masonic Ritual and Charges.

Carrying out this program a number of bulletins have been prepared and mailed to the various Grand Jurisdictions. In addition to this, they have had moving picture films exemplifying these principles, which are quite effective in explaining the bulletins. When each picture is explained as they are run by a competent speaker.

Grand Master Williams of Delaware was introduced and gave an address, in which he told the following story about a brother who was asked to speak a second time in the same place after a lapse of six months, and could not remember what he had spoken about on the former occasion. He wrote as follows:

Now, I am willing to come, but I was down your way not so very long ago and made an address to your people, and I have forgotten everything I said, even the subject. In order to prevent repetition, if you will just give me some idea of what I talked about, I will be very glad to come down and speak to your people again.

He waited a few days after writing this letter, and in due time a letter came back from his friend, and it read something like this: "Dear Mr. Handy: You need have no fear in coming here a second time to speak to our people. We have made a thorough canvass of the community and we haven't been able to find an individual that remembers a single word you said."

P. G. M. Grady submitted the report on Foreign Correspondence. Appeals from the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico and the Grand Lodge of Peru were presented and recommended for favourable consideration.

After a heated debate a resolution favouring the Towner-Sterling Bill was carried.

R. C. B.

NORTH DAKOTA.

The Report of Proceedings of the Grand Lodge is a pretentious volume, well arranged and full of information and inspiration. It has the breeziness of the

West about it. There is a splendid photograph of the Grand Master, Henry E. Byorum, on the fly-leaf, and a brief biography follows. He is an engineer, a miner and a banker all rolled into one, and has been highly honoured in the various branches of Masonry with which he has been identified, as well as in the civil life of his own town, Minot, N.D. The thirty-third annual Communication of Grand Lodge was held in Fargo, N.D., June 20th, 1922. A fine note of optimism runs through the Grand Master's address, which had an electrifying effect on Grand Lodge. The committee to which the charge was referred writes as follows:

At the hour of 11.00 a.m. Grand Master Byorum began the reading of his address. It was listened to with attention and interest. It was the story of a year of accomplishment and contained many suggestions and recommendations of vital interest to the Craft in this Grand Jurisdiction. The applause at its conclusion indicated that the Grand Lodge was in sympathy with the enlarged program of Masonic Service therein outlined.

He says in opening his address:

Although our Grand Lodge is one of the younger Grand Lodges as compared with some of the Grand Lodges of the East, I find after having served as your Grand Master for the past year that few jurisdictions can compare with us as a progressive and aggressive Grand Lodge. The membership everywhere in this Grand Jurisdiction is composed of earnest and enthusiastic Masons; in traveling over the State attending District Meetings and making visitations I have been struck with the high quality and fine personnel of our Brethren.

He noted the loss of 126 brethren who had received the final summons during the year; among them Bro. P. C. R. St. C. Chenery, S.S.W., and Bro. John McDonald, chairman of the standing committee on grievances and appeals.

Three lodges were constituted.

At the direction of the Grand Master a questionnaire was sent by lodges to prospective candidates, and he made it plain that such questionnaires were to

be considered of equal importance with the qualification for membership petition, and to be filled out in the same way.

The following paragraph will indicate the emphasis being put upon the education of the individual Mason in North Dakota and the definite ruling of the Grand Master in that regard:

The Grand Lodge Bylaw requiring each Master Mason raised since July 1st, 1920, to commit the lecture of the Master Mason degree and pass a satisfactory examination on the same before being entitled to vote, hold office or demit is not being enforced satisfactorily throughout this grand jurisdiction. We are thoroughly of the belief that the learning of this lecture is of the greatest importance, and recommend that the Bylaw in regard to those who persist in their delinquency be made more drastic. We believe that such Master Masons as are amenable to this law, who fail without good reason to commit their Master Mason lecture before the expiration of six months should be cited by their lodges and suspended from all their rights until such time as this lecture is committed. Your favourable consideration on this matter is earnestly requested.

The George Washington Memorial and the Masonic Service Association were spoken of in the highest terms.

A unique event took place at Jamestown Lodge No. 6 on March 22nd, 1922, when the M. M. degree was conferred upon Timothy A. Williams and his six sons. The Grand Master says: "Never before in the history of Grand Lodge has a similar ceremony taken place, and I doubt if it has been duplicated many times in the United States. The occasion was one that will long be remembered by those who were privileged to be present." We quite agree. He might add to the U. S., "anywhere in the world."

The Tubercular Camp at Fort Bayard, New Mexico, consisting of ex-service men, received the sympathetic attention of Grand Lodge, and the Trustees of the Masonic Relief Fund sent \$500.00 to assist the Masonic Club which is doing such good work there.

A strong plea was made to put the relief fund on a sound footing.

On the Ku Klux Klan the Grand Master has the following:

We are satisfied that any organization which sets at naught the orderly processes of the law and takes it into its own hands to inflict punishment is dangerous in the extreme, entirely foreign to Masonry's conception of law and order and contrary to well established American principles. We believe every Master Mason and every good citizen ought to set his seal of disapproval upon bigotry and racial and religious hatred. We recommend that the Grand Lodge take definite action in this matter.

The Grand Secretary reported 124 lodges with a membership of 14,375. He refers to the gratifying increase considering the crop failures from which the country had suffered.

Total receipts amounted to \$23,407.00.

The Grand Secretary's report was particularly fine, so much more than a bare summary of statistics as is usual with such reports. With regard to the De Molay boys he says:

The order of De Molay is fortunate in having at its head in this State as wise and devoted a man as David M. Holmes, and we feel safe in saying that this order of De Molay will not be permitted to subordinate the great purposes and ideals of the order to a false conception of mock initiations and the cheap clap-trap of some high school and college fraternities. If false notions of ritual and initiations are permitted to fasten themselves to any order its mission is blighted. It should be the aim of every real Mason to keep before the boys and youth the highest ideals of conduct and manhood and never for a moment permit mistaken impressions to get a hold upon any boy or young man within the sacred precincts of a lodge room erected to God and dedicated to the Holy Saint John.

1,483 volumes were loaned from the Grand Lodge library, 205 books have been added. Such a library for books, reports and clippings is a most valuable asset to Grand Lodge. A great occasion was the reception of W. Bro. A. L. Randall, P. G. M. of Texas. With regard to his address there appears the following note:

Never in all the history of the Grand Lodge have the members been more deeply and profoundly moved as by Brother Randell's appeal to translate Masonic principles into action. The brethren were loath to let Brother Randell stop and at the close rose "en masse" and gave him a wonderful ovation. It was a rare occasion and the influence of that morning session will long live in North Dakota Masonry. Upon motion of the Grand Secretary, Brother Randell was elected an honorary member.

The feeling of the State on education is expressed in the following:

We again call the attention of this Grand Lodge to the fact that hundreds of children in this state are receiving their elementary education in a foreign language. Such a condition is intolerable and ought to rouse the indignant protest of every right thinking citizen of this commonwealth. We, therefore, desire to go on record demanding the early enactment by the next session of the legislature of this state of a law which will forbid the use of any language except that of English as spoken by Americans in the elementary secular education of any child in public, private or parochial schools in North Dakota. We call upon every lodge and every individual Mason to use their influence in the passage of such a measure.

The Frank Jared Thompson Memorial prize for oratory was won by Harold D. Shaft, a college student, on "A College Man's Creed." We would like to reproduce it, but space forbids. He sums up under three headings: "I believe in gentlemanliness," "I believe in man," "I believe in God." We cannot refrain from giving a quotation from the thought of this bright young mind:

I believe in God. I believe in God, because my reason tells me there must be a God. I have found in my studies that there is a limit to all knowledge. There is, in each and every study, that line which cannot be passed. The sciences, the histories—everything I study can teach me much, but there is ever that border beyond which they cannot pass; the dividing line between the finite and the infinite—and beyond that line is God, the Master of it all; God who made the suns and the moons and the stars and set them all swinging in their eternal harmony.

I believe in God because my heart, my soul, tells me there must be a God. Pleasure there is, and pain; gold there is, and dross; beauty there is, and ugliness. And it is not these that make life worth the living. Do we cherish life for its pleasures,

its beauties, its gold? What is pleasure, but a fleeting phantom? What is gold, but a means of buying transitory pleasures? What is beauty? The rose blooms, and droops. The purpose of life is found, not in these, but in something deeper, broader, holier. It is that something which makes of men more than mortals. It is that something which makes men ready to die for an ideal. It is that something which puts the laughter in the heart of a child, put the lights in the eyes of a mother, brings peace to a restless soul, and gives to man the only true happiness; the knowledge of a life well-lived. And that something is God, the God of our Fathers.

Sixty-one Jurisdictions were reviewed by W. Bro. G. S. Hager, P.G.M., and the effort is in keeping with the high standard of the whole volume. In his introduction he has the following note relative to increase in membership and physical qualifications:

The tremendous growth of the past three years seems unabated. From Maine to California and from the Arctic Ocean to the Gulf of Mexico the result is identical. I speak advisedly when I fix the Arctic Ocean as the Northern boundary, because all of the Canadian Jurisdiction have the same story to tell, and Alaska, which is within the Masonic Jurisdiction of Washington, has also felt the press of numbers. Countless reasons have been advanced for this phenomenal increase in numbers, but no one of them is, to me, satisfactory. Possibly all the reasons given have contributed to the general result.

Eighteen Jurisdictions still adhere to Perfect Youth, three have slightly modified that rule, five allow artificial aid, Grand Masters rule on the question in two, and constituent lodges decide in five, three are extremely liberal, and eight, while allowing no artificial aid, are liberal in construction.

The trend is toward greater liberality in the matter of physical qualifications, and the Jurisdictions holding to the rule of Perfect Youth are slowly diminishing.

R. C. B.

NOVA SCOTIA

Following its old-established custom Grand Lodge before entering upon the business of the session proceeded to the Lunenburg Presbyterian Church and listened to a sermon by the R. W. Brother Rev. D. M. Matheson, Grand Chaplain, whose text was from Romans, 14-7: "None of us lives to himself."

The address contains a very eloquent and interesting discussion of the meaning of Free Masonry and its value to society.

Upon the return of the Grand Lodge to the lodge-room, Grand Master M. W. Brother John Murray Lawson delivered his address, commencing with a graceful reference to the hospitality shown the Grand Lodge by the citizens of Digby at their previous communication, and to the "grand old town of Lunenburg" where the present communication was being held.

Only one death is reported, that of the R. W. Brother Barry D. Bent, Past Deputy Grand Master, also a member of the Royal Arch, the Scottish Rite and the Shrine.

Reference is made to two special communications for the purpose of dedicating Masonic temples, one at Riverport and the other at Bridgewater. And also to a number of official visits made during the year.

Under the heading of "Official Acts" the Grand Master reports a number of rulings from which it is apparent that in Nova Scotia as elsewhere it is easier to ask questions than to search for the answers.

The report of the Grand Secretary shows a total membership of 9,498, as against 8,781 for the preceding year, and an increase for the year of \$1,739.00 in the receipts. The number of lodges is given as 78 chartered and 1 under dispensation.

The Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia supports a Masonic Home at Windsor, and from the report it appears that at the beginning of the year there were sixteen "guests" in the home, two were admitted during the year, and four deaths occurred, leaving the number of inmates at fourteen. The management of the home is entrusted to the matron, Mrs. Richardson, assisted by Miss MacKenzie, a staff of three girls and one orderly. The Trustees were able to report that a loan which

they had contracted about three years ago had now been paid off.

The Grand Historian sent out to each lodge during the year a letter with the view of compiling information for the preparation of a history on Free Masonry in Nova Scotia, which he describes as the "first home of the fraternity in British America." The number of responses received would seem to augur success for the undertaking.

The reports of the District Deputy Grand Master were reviewed by a Committee appointed for the purpose, and a number of Grand Master's rulings were discussed by the Committee on Jurisprudence, one of the most interesting being on a question of physical disability.

The annual report on Fraternal Correspondence was prepared by R. W. Brother James C. Jones, Grand Secretary, and is full of interest. A very complete review is given of our own proceedings at Ottawa in 1921, and extended quotations were made from the address of our then Grand Master.

M. W. Brother James Henry Winfield was elected Grand Master for the ensuing year, and R. W. Brother James C. Jones was re-elected Grand Secretary.

The present annual communication was the fifty-seventh in the history of the Grand Lodge.

J. A. R.

OHIO

A noble portrait of the Grand Master for 1922-23 adorns the fly leaf of the record of proceedings of the Grand Lodge, M.W. Bro. Harry S. Johnson. He is a 33rd degree Mason and a citizen and churchman of rare qualities. It is worthy of the attention of many excellent Masons whose time is so much in demand to note that Bro. Johnson is a teacher of a Men's Bible Class, and has not relinquished that work, in his home church, the North Presbyterian Church of Cincinnati.

The one hundred and thirteenth Annual Communication was held in the City of Columbus, Ohio, Oct. 18th, 1922. Mayor J. J. Thomas, of Columbus gave the official welcome of the city, which was responded to by W. Bro Allen Andrews, P.G.M.

The Grand Master's address revealed the immensity of the Grand Jurisdiction, there being no less than 172,340 Masons including an increase during the year of 8,684. The same fine thought is expressed with regard to Masonry and numbers as one notes with thankfulness in many rulers of the Craft. Here is Bro. Johnson's thought:

While it is highly gratifying to note the wonderful growth in our Order and the material prosperity which it enjoys, we should bear in mind the true strength of our Fraternity is not in numbers, but rather in deeds accomplished. Unless the community in which we live is better for the truths we teach, unless there is a greater purity and a higher sense of honor in those with whom we come in contact, we have failed in our mission. Our success does not so much depend upon the numbers we initiate, as upon whether we have done those things and instilled those principles that will make for better members of the community in which they live.

Sixty-six special dispensations were issued, and six to form new lodges. There were 11 emergent communications and 11 lodges dedicated. A word of praise is tendered the O.E.S.

The Grand Master spoke strongly in favor of Masonic support for the public school system and the maintenance of American freedom.

There is another matter that must not escape us at this time. There is in America today a well-defined movement among people who are opposing the form of government that now exists, for its overthrow. These opponents are united to form in America, or rather to reform America, using the Russian Soviet as a model. They were particularly active following the World War, and it is only reasonable to suppose that they are not all dead now. They are not members of our churches, neither are they Free and Accepted Masons. They are simply disloyal men and women who do not accept the ideals upon which our Nation was founded. Many of our so-called labor disturbances have been merely Bolshevik propaganda.

It is time for us to awake and do our full duty by our Country. We must teach, defend, and promote the great principles contained

in our form of government. We must Brother our Country and we must be willing to pay the price our fathers paid for liberty and freedom.

The Masonic Home at Springfield was a great inspiration to the Grand Master.

This splendid enterprise was conceived away back in the eighties; its corner-stone was laid in 1892, and it was dedicated in 1895. Its erection was the first real test of that spirit of true Masonic Charity which has ever characterized the Masons of Ohio, and it will ever stand, not only as a continuing proof of the wisdom which prompted its erection, but as an enduring monument to the beneficence of Ohio Free Masons. If the Masonic Fraternity in this great State shall never do anything else to win the approbation of its friends and silence the criticism of its enemies, the erection and maintenance of this Home should be all sufficient.

It is a combined old folks and children's home for which a per capita tax of one dollar per member is levied. 238 persons from the family. A memorial hospital by a bequest of Ralph A. Rickly is to be erected to accommodate all needs.

It has been planned, not alone for use as a hospital, but even more as a permanent home for those disabled or partially helpless members of the Order for whose proper care provision had not previously been made at the Ohio Masonic Home. At the same time portions of the building can be readily employed for housing the usual class of adult residents if found necessary and desirable.

A fine Masonic library is maintained to which the sum of \$750.00 was voted for upkeep and preservation.

There is a flourishing Masonic Veteran's Association.

The annual meeting was held in Columbus on Oct. 18th, 1922. Ven. Bro. Nelson Williams is President.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was written by Bro. O. P. Sperra, P.G.M. and covers 157 pages. It is a painstaking analysis of the progress of the Craft. Through the seventy-nine associated jurisdictions, and represents much labour as well as a keen appreciation of the best things. He says concerning M.W. Bro. Harcourt, what every Mason in the Grand Jurisdiction of Canada knows of him, "A wise

and conscientious official as well as an industrious one," and of R.W. Bro. E. B. Brown, "he submits an entertaining and very complete report on correspondence, well-written and thorough in analysis." Both the Ottawa and Fort William convocations are reported. Of M.W. Bro. W. N. Ponton's address he writes, "a wonderful message to a wonderful jurisdiction and from an able executive."

In conclusion Bro. Sperra writes:

Closing the review, one thought, worthy and of great moment, is impressed. From officials close to the work and whose duties require association with the rank and file of the great Brotherhood comes the universal message not alone of extraordinary growth in membership, but an intense interest in the uplift of mankind as Masonic idealisms teach. As we rest from the work this fact appears uppermost, that the spirit of Freemasonry is heeding the call for a stronger and deeper appreciation of its sublime teachings, responsive everywhere that the Order exists. And it again brings to our mind the words of Lowell:

"Life is a leaf of paper white,
Whereon each one of us may write
His word or two, and then comes night.
Though thou have time but for a line,
Make that sublime.
Not failure, but low aim, is crime."

The large number of Masons passed to their reward were remembered with fitting testimony in solemn silence.

R. C. B.

OKLAHOMA

The proceedings of Grand Lodge opens with a photograph of the Grand Master for 1922, M.W. Bro. Leslie H. Swan. He is a young presiding officer having been born in Kansas in 1887, whence he moved to Oklahoma in 1899.

The 14th Annual Communication was held at Guthrie on Feb. 28th, 1922. M.W. Bro. James Henry Patterson being Grand Master and Bro. Wm. N. Anderson, P.G.M., Grand Secretary. A happy ceremony established by custom is the presentation of an apron to

the retiring Grand Master. Frague Lodge presented the apron to Bro. Patterson.

Grand Lodge was welcomed by Bro. F. H. McGuire, of Guthrie. From his address we quote as follows:

To you, officers, and to you, members of the Grand Lodge, as leaders in Masonry, is the duty of causing all Masons to regard Masonry as something more than a mere name, and causing them to realize that there is, or should be, in Masonry more for their lives than the mere wearing of a pin, or a ring, or other emblem. They should be brought to realize that on the concrete application of Masonic principles to the every day affairs of life today depends the restitution and regeneration of an almost hopelessly stricken world. The need is for you and for us today to have strength of mind, to be unselfish, and to have true patriotism to save a bewildered people.

The Grand Master's address contains some important reflections for all Masons and all good citizens.

But we are all being forced to realize that, while we rejected the League of Nations as involving us too largely in foreign affairs, yet the nations of the world, by reason of inter-communication, are so closely identified in their general interests, that the prosperity and happiness of one largely depends upon the happiness and prosperity of all. And, although we may have a very great part of the world's gold locked up in our national vaults, and stand as a national Croesus of the world, yet we cannot enjoy either prosperity or happiness without that same beneficent results being enjoyed by other nations as well.

Personally, I believe we will be able to meet the great need of the time, and do our part among many other organizations which are working for the good of mankind, to bring peace, prosperity and happiness out of our present lamentable condition.

Nine lodges were constituted and thirteen organized.

It is interesting to note that the Al. G. Barnes Circus expressed a wish to do something for Masonry on their visit to Guthrie. Accordingly arrangements were made for the transportation of the family in the Masonic Home on complimentary tickets to see the circus. Well done!

The Grand Master states the experience of many another such officer in the following:

At the beginning of my term as Grand Master I had hopes that during the year we could avoid harsh means of Masonic trials for

discipline, and that by using the broad mantle of Masonic Charity and being a Big Brother to wayward members, pointing out their mistakes, and by good counsel, we could persuade them to see the error of their ways and restore them to the spirit of good fellowship with their brethren. But our hopes were blasted, and we suppose that so long as human nature has its weaknesses and frailties, discipline and punishment for some will be necessary.

For fourteen years a P.G.M. of Oklahoma was in exile from Masonry as a result of a finding against him. A touching account is given of his restoration as an old broken down brother who had suffered much in silence. He came requesting reinstatement and admission to the Masonic Home. With splendid charity, and to the great joy of the presiding Master, whose ward he was as an orphan, he was granted all his requests.

Bro. Leo. Salkeld then delivered an address on "Washington the Unifier", which was received with great enthusiasm. He defined Americanism as follows:

Further, Americanism is a belief in liberty—liberty, of body, liberty of mind, freedom to move about, freedom to believe as one pleases and to speak. But liberty is not license. There is a vast difference between license to speak and liberty to speak. An American is one who believes in liberty, and who acts upon that faith, and who lives it day by day in his home, on the street, in the shop and factory. Americanism is a faith in justice, and a life that is prompted and controlled by that faith. Any individual who does not believe in justice, or who fails to practice justice between himself and his fellowmen, between employer and employee, between husband and wife, between each other, is a foe to the State and an enemy of the Nation; he is not a 100 per cent. American.

The Grand Secretary reports a net gain in members of 6,799 total membership 55,331. 12 lodges have over 500 each. There is a Masonic Home Fund of \$31,000 \$76,100 spent on the Home.

Recognition was extended to the Grand Lodge of Peru and Valle de Mexico. The Masonic year was made to coincide with the civil year.

Bro. Henry S. Johnson delivered the Grand Oration on the symbolism of the 3rd degree which could not be reported.

The value placed upon Masonic education will be seen by the following submitted by a committee on education and duly acted upon. We recommend some such method to our own Grand Lodge. We are sorely in need of something beside the bar ritual and an entertaining talk on some irrelevant topic.

Our first recommendation is that at least one meeting each quarter shall be devoted by every lodge in the state to instruction and entertainment and that no degree work shall be done that night. Upon this night have at least one brother qualified and prepared, either a local or outside man, to deliver a talk upon some Masonic teaching. If the "Speakers' Bureau" should prepare or have prepared by a competent brother, a thirty minute talk to be furnished the speaker, who could either memorize it or absorb its teachings and give it in his own language, much time would be saved the speaker and more profitable talk would generally be given. If a dozen talks, one for each month in the year could be thus prepared and distributed, and enough speakers be drafted that same might be given in every lodge in the state, great good, we feel, might be accomplished. We recommend that this or a similar plan looking to the same end be adopted. We believe the platform speaker, properly directed and handled, would be a potent factor in this campaign of education.

An apron was presented to Grand Master Leslie G. Swan by his mother lodge and a fine tribute paid him by Bro. John P. Slaughter who was deputed to perform this task.

The report on Foreign Correspondence was written by Bro. Thos. Channcery Humphrey, who in his foreword takes note of the innumerable organizations of our time, and sees a world gone mad with the commotion of them. We think he is right. Among others that are using Masonry for their own pupose and pursuing an aggressive policy so unlike Masonry he mentions "the Grotto" which sends letters broadcast with blank forms asking Masons to send \$25.00 and sign the petition for membership.

A very generous space is given the Grand Lodge of Canada. The writer of our proceedings is caught up on his remark about the origin of the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma. Some sixty jurisdictions are reviewed.

R. C. B.

OREGON

A prince among Masons was the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Oregon who presided at the proceedings of the Annual Communication in Portland on the 14th of June, 1922. So high does he stand in the esteem of Grand Lodge that he was elected for a second year over his own protest, but insisted it was impossible for him to act though willing to do anything possible other than fill that office accordingly Bro. G. G. Brown of Salem was elected. R.W. Bro. John B. Cleland of Portland is Grand Secretary.

There were seven occasional meetings of Grand Lodge. 23,000 Masons in the jurisdiction. It is interesting to note that M.W. Bro. Baillie was the first Grand Master who acting under adequate legislation established the principle of District Deputies. We are accustomed to it, as an essential for efficient administration.

Immediately following the legislation of the seventy-first annual communication, and after a careful study of lodge geography and numbers, I divided this Grand Jurisdiction into seventeen districts, and appointed seventeen District Deputy Grand Masters, resident in those several districts.

To these appointees I issued the proxy of the Grand Master, thereby clothing them with the authority of your executive and asking them to serve their Grand Lodge and their several constituent lodges by building up a more intimate and personal connection with the Grand Lodge, through personal service and personal information of Grand Lodge work.

To this Grand Lodge I commend this idea of District Deputy Grand Masters, as a present helpful influence in Masonic work in this Grand Jurisdiction. I trust that this work will expand and become more efficient as time passes. While with some it may not seem in absolute harmony with the idea of Masonic government, you must all realize that the average man, who has the business ability to serve you efficiently as Grand Master, will have his personal business to maintain, exclusive of his Masonic duties. Such a man must have help in order efficiently to manage so extensive an organization as ours.

There is an education fund under the administration of Grand Lodge now amounting to \$217,145.97. Fifty-two children of Master Masons are being cared for by it,

and still there is a balance income. There has been good work done in collecting. There should be equally good work done in distributing. The Grand Master has the following in regard to the financing of the Masonic Home:

Our youngest financial child is the Home fund. Born with a golden spoon of plenty, it has waxed fat despite the doleful sounds of committee nurse or Grand Lodge sponsor. From it your Masonic Home has been built, furnished and now maintained. The trustee doctors have carefully watched it during its babyhood with all the pressing concern which such periods demand. The committee nurse has served it most faithfully with unceasing vigilance, and as a result today we have a completed structure and a surplus of cash on hand amounting to \$73,876.08.

The Home fund has the following sources of income:

1. From all Master Masons for maintenance.....\$1.00
2. From all Entered Apprentice degrees conferred..... 5.00
3. From all affiliations from other jurisdictions..... 5.00
4. From contributions or bequest.....

The suggested subdivision of this fund should be as follows:

1. Endowment. 2. Building. 3. Maintenance.

Legislation should be at once planned to make a working financial law and program for the proper flow of money through these three channels. All money should automatically go to the maintenance fund, unless specifically otherwise directed. A budget should be proposed by the Home committee to the trustees covering maintenance, this limiting the fund for a year, as well as limiting expenditures beyond the budget boundaries at the Home. The balance in the maintenance fund, after budget deduction, should then automatically pass into the building fund. When the building fund reaches, say, \$100,000.00, the balance should automatically pass to the endowment fund. No withdrawals may ever be made from the endowment fund except interest. All interest goes back into the maintenance fund. Through this simple routine plan, you will maintain your Home economically, and eventually complete your buildings, endow your Home and finally relieve the fraternity of the dollar per member per year for maintenance.

Note the splendid spirit of devoted service with which the address closes.

I am grateful to you for having permitted me to serve you. It has been a wonderful help to me. If in my work I have served to

help the wavering footsteps of a Mason; if I have helped a Mason's son or daughter and made their work easier; if I have helped to clear the way for the succeeding Grand Master, or removed a troublesome wrong, or error, from his path; if I have more strongly set forth the landmarks of true Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction, then I can say that my day has been well spent and I am content.

R.W. Bro. James F. Robinson presented the Grand Secretary's report. There are 153 lodges chartered and four under dispensation, an increase in membership of 2,637 and a total of 23,749.

It will be interesting for M.W. Bro. Harcourt, who was chided for his confessed ignorance of the O.E.S. to note that his organization co-operates in the maintenance of the Masonic Home as it did also in the institution of it. Beautiful photographs of this splendid Home near Mount Forest Grove appear on the report.

A resolution was adopted condemning Life Insurance Companies exploiting the Masonic name in the interests of the business.

The Masonic employment Bureau reported having dealt with 2,013 applicants for work.

A committee proposed making it a Masonic offence to apply for so-called higher degrees within one year of becoming a Master Mason.

The following note is important:

And now, my brother, in making your report, remember always that ours is not and never has been a reformatory institution. Its design is, and always has been, to accept only those coming under the tongue of good report and already prepared in their hearts. Failure to find anything specific against an applicant does not in itself entitle him to enter our portals; there must be something for him. Finally, if in doubt, give the lodge the benefit.

The Grand Orator, R.W. Bro. John F. Rand gave a magnificent address on the historical relation of Masonry to the founding of the Republic, and the contribution Masonic ideals made to its constitution. To quote:

Let us ever remember that we were born in a free country, and that liberty is secured to us by the Constitution of the United States;

that both liberty and the Constitution will be destroyed unless virtue, integrity and American ideals prevail throughout the land. These ideals are liberty, equality and justice. If any citizen is deprived of his rights in respect to either, no matter what may be his race, color or religion, to the extent that he is so deprived, the Constitution of the United States is being perverted.

And so, as Masons, we must stand for the principles of our order and oppose and condemn all selfishness, disloyalty and disregard for the constitutional rights of others. By so doing, we will preserve for our children, and for our children's children forever, those liberties which our forefathers secured at the sacrifice of their lives, and which are guaranteed by the Constitution through the wisdom of the fathers of the republic.

Let us be sure that the descendants of no European race, whose ancestors were incapable of securing for themselves that freedom and individual liberty which our ancestors secured for us, and whom we have permitted as a favor, and not as a right, to take up their abode in this free land of ours, in order that they might escape from the religious and political oppression of Europe, shall take from our children or our children's children one iota of that liberty for which our fathers fought and died, that we might enjoy. (Applause.)

A long controversy took place over a resolution asking for the reading of the Bible in public schools. It was eventually laid on the table.

Bro. David P. Mason wrote on Fraternal Correspondence to which 212 pages of the report are given. It is a full and exhaustive account, as far as so much ground can be covered, of the achievements and attainments of Masonry well over the earth.

He was much interested in Bro. Harcourt's address at Ottawa and quotes extensively from it.

He praises W. Bro. E. B. Brown's work but with fine sarcasm resents a criticism offered by Bro. Brown. He defines the impression the review of proceedings made upon him concisely as follows:

First, The serious, sober expression among Masons of a new conscientious appreciation of the Masonic obligation, and an expressed desire to influence and fashion the young manhood of the nation in all the finer attributes of character, and in a real sense, a juster regard for the moral and spiritual values of life.

Second. A renewed and balanced determination to hold the scales fairly and justly between all classes, especially in matters pertaining to the public school system of education within the bounds of the nation.

R. C. B.

PENNSYLVANIA, 1922

Abraham M. Beitler, Grand Master.

Number of Lodges, December 27th, 1922, 534.

Number of members 186,560. Increase during year 6,125.

The Quarterly Communications of this prosperous and conservative Grand Lodge were duly held and a multiplicity of business was dealt with involving administrative talents of the highest order. The Annual Grand Communication was held according to ancient custom on St. John's Day, December 27th, and was attended by our own Grand Master, who was warmly welcomed and whose address delivered on the occasion is generously printed in full in the Proceedings. The Grand Master of Pennsylvania is absolute and supreme, but administers justice tempered with mercy from the Throne. His address is far more than a report, though it summarizes the year's work and suggests the future. Of the Philadelphia Memorial Hospital just erected he quotes the eloquent invocation of the State Official at its dedication. He said:

"I have seen and touched and felt, as has every one here to-day, a sermon in stone, perfect in detail and admirably adapted to its purposes. Your Grand Master can challenge criticism from any source . . . It tells us of the strength, the power, the endurance of your organization."

The Grand Master details many munificent gifts to the Masonic Home at Elizabethtown, including jewelry valued at \$10,000 bequeathed by one generous lady who had witnessed the work well done in the Home. \$125,000 had also been donated to build a new and larger Girl's Home and work is being started in the erection of the Patton Institution for Boys, also to cost \$125,000. An

Educational Fund of \$50,000 has also been established and the Grand Master records with pride that, "In several of the Lodges in Philadelphia this year the Brethren by resolution have omitted a Banquet and donated the estimated cost thereof to the Endowment Fund of the Craft Hospital."

The Employment Bureau in Philadelphia continues its good work and placed no less than 1,591 Brethren in remunerative positions, while the office at Pittsburgh placed 234 Brethren.

This is practical co-operation. Pennsylvania is not without its troubles and it receives at the hands of the Grand Master its proper comment.

The financial condition of many of our Lodges prevents us from caring for their charity cases as they should be cared for. It presents the temptation for these Lodges to solicit petitions, violating a fundamental law, and results in a lack of care in passing upon petitions. You cannot spend your receipts for frivolity, and unload your needy ones on the Funds."

Another suggestion of the G.M. is worth noting,

I firmly believe that if we had a corps of lecturers who could be called upon to speak through out the State entertainingly and instructively upon the history of Masonry, what it means and what it should do, that it would add much to the interest of the meetings and have a decidedly beneficial effect upon the membership in general."

With regard to the Order of DeMolay for Boys, teaching love of parents, patriotism, courtesy and comradeship, the G.M. says:

We are all of the opinion that the Order should be introduced into our State.

The deaths of M.W. Bro. John S. Sell, and of Past Master John Wanamaker (benevolent and philanthropic) are commented on with deep regret.

Among the decisions of interest we read and we may apply the lesson to several applications that have been

made by so-called pseudo or quasi Masonic Bodies who have made application in Canada this year:

Decided that a Secretary of a Lodge shall not, under any circumstances, furnish, for the use of the "Tall Cedars," a list of members of the Lodge and that any Secretary using an addressograph must keep the cabinet containing it securely locked. The "Tall Cedars" is not a Masonic body.

Physical disqualifications still holds, we regret to note, in Pennsylvania.

The printing and publishing of Lodge Proceedings is again prohibited and many other topics are judicially considered by the Grand Master, who is an eminent lawyer.

The Review of Sister Grand Lodges is in masterly hands. Canada is commented upon very generously and many extracts are made from our Proceedings.

The Klu Klux Klan is thus described:

One of the poets has said there is "good in everything." 'If there is any good in the Klu Klux Klan we have thus far failed to discover it. We do not bring up the subject to describe it or to dwell upon its evils, for the same reasons we do not discuss the evils of labor unions, which are setting at naught all regard for law and order, and, by what is called "direct action," denying to men their inherent God-given and constitutional liberty to earn a living for themselves and families under a penalty of destruction of property and life., and it is recommended that Masons be interdicted from affiliation with the K.K.K., which has been described as the "Night Shirt Brigade."

Abraham M. Beitler, Philadelphia, Grand Master.

Samuel M. Goodyear, Deputy Grand Master.

John A. Perry, Philadelphia, Grand Secretary.

W. N. P.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

M. W. Brother John McNevin opened the forty-seventh annual Communication of Grand Lodge at Summerside on the 28th June, 1922.

In his address he refers to the "steady stride of progress made during the year; nothing abnormal, nothing wonderful, but a steady and satisfactory growth and development."

The statistical reports show a membership of 1,085 as against 1,037 for the preceding year, with 17 Chartered Lodges.

Two Past Grand Masters were called during the year—M. W. Brother Rev. James MacDougall and M. W. Brother Dr. Donald Darrach.

Among the official activities noted is the laying of the corner-stone of the Protestant Orphanage building at Mount Herbert on September 14th.

During the year the Grand Master sanctioned the conferring of three degrees on a candidate who had been ballotted on and accepted by a lodge in Massachusetts. The Grand Master refers to the event as being without precedent, but adds that "as the request came from a Grand Jurisdiction where the customs and regulations may be and probably are different, and as the identification of the candidate was made unmistakeable," he granted the dispensation.

Reference is again made to the matter of furnishing rooms in the Prince Island Hospital and the Prince County Hospital, and also to the desirability of extending aid to the Protestant Orphanage above referred to.

We quote from the concluding paragraphs of the address: "We have a grand opportunity for doing good if we merely live up to our profession, as nearly as may be done by mortal man. By treating our fellowmen with broad human justice we can accomplish much in curing the ills and calming the unrest of the day. Human nature is much the same the world over, and men will surely react to Justice and Truth. Cordiality and fair dealing between man and man is bound to open the fountains of manly and brotherly

confidence and affection as nothing else can do in the opening up of the greatest era of social prosperity and harmony the world has ever known."

The Grand Lecturer reports that the ritualistic work throughout the Jurisdiction is of a high order and still improving, and recommends a conference with a committee of representatives from each lodge once or twice during each year for the purpose of securing greater uniformity in the work.

The Benevolent Fund Trustees report that although several calls have been made on their funds during the year they have been able to meet all demands out of interest, and are in a position to deal with greater liberality than ever before in the matter of assisting needy brethren.

We again note the wording used by the Grand Master regarding dispensations connected with divine service: "To appear in Masonic clothing and regalia at church service." As the Committee on the Grand Master's address pointed out the Lodge may attend divine service whenever it wishes to do so, and the granting of the dispensation is to allow the Brethren "to appear in public" in Masonic attire.

A pleasing feature of the meeting was the presentation to the Grand Secretary of a gold-headed cane as a small souvenir of love and affection for one who had rendered valuable service for many years past, and was untiring in his efforts to advance the interests of the Craft.

At the elections M. W. Brother James M. Murray was elected Grand Master, and R. W. Edward T. Carbonell was re-elected Grand Secretary, and Charlottetown was selected as the next place of meeting.

J. A. R.

QUEBEC

The 52nd Annual Communication was held in Montreal on February 8th, 1922, M.W. Bro. Charles McBurney, Grand Master, presiding.

Bro. McBurney is one of the most scholarly of Grand Masters and received well merited commendation from the Committee on his address for "the zeal, the tact and the sound judgment in the performance of the highest of official duties to the Craft which we read between its lines, and the inspiring message which it brings to us of a year of unexampled Masonic progress."

The occasional incipient desire on the part of a few of the lodges for publicity through the columns of the press is censured by the Grand Master as a distinct departure from the ancient traditions of the Craft and a villation of one of its fundamental principles.

The desire for publicity is unhealthy and unmasonic. To advertise one's self or one's lodge is contrary to the teaching of our Order. Freemasonry is farther removed than the poles from those societies that think they will be effective because of the noise they make. It is our business to help each other to higher ideals and nobler aspirations, to assist each other in the development of characters robust, sympathetic, honest. If we are accomplishing anything really worth while in the construction of the Temple, it will not be necessary to advertise; our lives will speak. Every true mason will be found supporting every cause that seeks to ennoble and enrich human life, that makes for purity and sincerity of thought, nobility of conduct, and the understanding and enjoyment for true liberty. The great contribution that masonry has for the world is the meaning of Brotherhood, and there is nothing that this anxious and restless world needs today so much as to be possessed of the trust, confidence and mutual support which we as Masons seek to inculcate. We shall help to solve the world's problems by living the life and practising the virtues that Masonry commends in our capacity as citizens; not by attacking these problems as an organized body of Masons. As the sources of the mightiest rivers are to be sought in the seclusion and silence of the heights, so must we seek the inspiration for noble achievement in the sacred and secret bosom of our lodges, and that secrecy must not be violated.

The Grand Master recommended the establishment of a central Masonic library, the formation in connection with Grand Lodge of a Lodge of Research and Instruction, and the payment of such a salary to the Grand Secretary as would enable him to devote his whole time to the work. The Committee concurred in these recommendations and expressed the opinion that the Grand Lodge Library should be made a well supplied centre from which the members of the Craft in every part of the jurisdiction might draw inspiration and information

respecting the history, the traditions, the literature, the progress and the teachings of the Craft.

The following from the address of the Grand Chaplain, R.W. Bro. Rev. G. R. Allen, is worth quoting:

The charge is sometimes laid against us that we are not doing any specific thing. By the specific, I mean that which can be tabulated on the records of things done. I do not discount the worth of things. I mean that which you can weigh and balance in the accountancy of men and figures, but I am further mindful that to leaven the lump of humanity may be more important than to lever it, or to leave it alone. Brotherly love, relief and truth in activity is a leaven rather than a measure, and not necessarily ineffective because its going has the stealth of self-abnegation, rather than the noisy mechanism of a publicity campaign.

We remember that the wealth of a nation or Dominion is in its manhood. In the light of this knowledge we are seeking to ethicize men, that is to strengthen and to enrich their mental and moral grasp. This is a distinct service, and in itself sufficient justification for our continuance. By the teachings that we impart and the principles we inculcate, we help a man the better to build the structure of his life. We have not altogether failed if we have taught a man that life without character is as a cathedral without a dome, on which may break the light of the eternal.

The distribution of membership in the lodges is as follows:

3 Lodges of 50 members or less

23 lodges of 50 to 100

28 lodges of 100 to 200

9 lodges of 200 to 300

9 lodges of 300 to 400

1 lodge of 400 to 500

1 lodge over 500.

Membership on Island of Montreal, 58 per cent.

Membership off the Island, 42 per cent.

Canada for 1921 is reviewed by the veteran, M.W. Bro. Chambers. He says:

It is scarcely surprising that M.W. Bro. W. H. Wardrope should have felt called upon to propose for his Grand Lodge a less cumbersome, and less misleading title than that by which it is now known.

Lodges as at Dec. 31, 1921, 74.

Members, 12,059.

Grand Master, Charles McBurney.

Grand Secretary, W. W. Williamson, Montreal.

T. S.

QUEBEC

The 53rd Annual Communication was held in Montreal on Feb. 14th, 1923, M.W. Bro. Charles McBurney, Grand Master, presiding.

The Grand Master's address ably emphasized the best teachings of the Craft.

"The person who enters a masonic lodge from selfish motives is invariably and deservedly disappointed; but he who being admitted delves beneath the symbolism for the truths that are by these symbols more frequently concealed than illustrated, and translates these masonic truths and principles into character and conduct, who with love in his heart for all men quietly performs his daily duties with integrity and unfailing consideration for the rights and opinions of others, who without ostentation improves every opportunity of making life easier and nobler for his fellowmen, will unquestionably be rewarded by discovering the genuine secret of a full and perfect life which ignorance, intolerance and selfishness have hidden away from the eyes of ordinary men."

"There is a dangerous tendency for a lodge to become a mere job-lot Mason factory, in which the candidate contributes his fees, receives certain signs, tokens and words as a *quid pro quo*, and is turned out under the impression that he is a Mason. Nothing could be worse than that. It is not the mental possession of certain secrets that constitute a Mason, but the fact that these secrets have entered into the character and form the controlling force of life. A Mason is not the product of one evening's session of a lodge, but is the fruit that springs from the seed of masonic truth sown in the hearts of

honest men and carefully nurtured in a healthy masonic atmosphere. The best masonic work can be done only in a lodge whose numbers are such as to permit of every brother knowing intimately every brother and taking a personal interest in his welfare."

An impressive address was delivered by the Grand Chaplain, R.W. Bro. Rt. Rev. J. C. Farthing, Lord Bishop of Montreal.

As usual Bro. Chambers' report of Foreign Correspondence will repay careful study. In his introductory pages he has assembled a few of the more outstanding incidents and expressions of opinion that have come to his notice in reviewing the proceedings of sister Grand Lodges. The headings will indicate the ground covered: "One of the World's Needs"; "Masonic Charity"; "The Ku Klux Klan"; "Constitutional Amendments"; "Matters Foreign to Masonry"; "Clandestine Masonry"; "Some Masonic Statistics"; and "So-called Masonry of France."

Canada's proceedings for 1922 are reviewed with generous appreciation.

Lodges as at Dec. 31, 1922, 78.

Members, 12,677.

Grand Master, A. P. Shatford.

Grand Secretary, W. W. Williamson, Montreal.

T.S.

RHODE ISLAND

Joseph Lawton, Grand Master.

Number of Lodges 40.

Number of Members 15,436.

The Semi-annual Communication of this Most Ancient and Honourable Society of F. & A. M. for the

State of Rhode Island and Provident Plantations was held November 21st, 1921, and was largely devoted to Reports of Committees. That on Juris-prudence recommended the re-adoption of a former decision of 1874 to the effect that:

No man who is unable to perform every part of the work in the three degrees of Symbolic Masonry, without artificial aid, is eligible to receive those Degrees.

This has not subsequently received unanimous approval.

The Grand Lodge also heard a lecture from the Secretary of the Masonic Service Association on "The Equality of Opportunity".

The 132nd Annual Communication was held at Providence, May 15th, 1922, in the presence of several distinguished visitors. The Grand Master's address furnishes excellent material for review, did space permit. He may be judged by the following paragraphs:

The all wise Father and beneficent Grand Architect has drawn for us his design for our labors, and that plan clearly directs that only by diligent search and study can we fit our minds as finished material for the symbolic building which is the revelation of Light and Truth. Thus may we know, participate in and transmit the ideal Brotherhood of Mankind.

I believe that the majority of investigating committees give conscientious attention to the duties assigned them. There are a few instances, however, where such preliminary care is not given and the Lodge does not receive sufficient information prior to ballot, which may produce either of two results: the applicant may be unjustly penalized in a manner entirely foreign to the professed justice of Masonry or through confidence in the work of the members of its Committee, the Lodge may accept material which is entirely improper and should be rejected.

I have endeavored to give conscientious and unsparing service in connection with its duties, and I sincerely trust that my endeavors have been productive of progress and lasting benefit to Masonry in this jurisdiction.

The formation of an American Masonic Club in Coblenz, Germany, came up for discussion but did not

receive much encouragement, Texas having acted, further action was deemed unnecessary, and since then all American troops have been withdrawn from the Rhineland.

The reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters and of the various Committees show encouraging results of faithful work.

A feature of the Proceeding is an analysis of the the statistical affairs and changes in membership of each individual Lodge. Roosevelt Lodge, U.D., under that veteran Mason, Wilbur A. Scott, Providence, is the latest addition to the laborities of manhood which Rhode Island in concentrated form offers to the citizenship of that densely populated and productive State.

The writer enjoyed their corn, wine, oil, incense and salt and knows whereof he speaks.

Grand Chapter and Grand Lodge work together with the utmost harmony and with interchange of many of their officers.

The handsome features of M. W. Bro. Lawton illuminate the Proceedings as a frontpiece, resembling our own Bro. Kenneth Dunstan, and by a strange coincidence both are Telephone men.

M. W. Norris G. Abbott, Providence, Grand Master.

R. W. Arthur L. Newell, Deputy Grand Master.

R. W. S. Penrose Williams, Providence, Grand Secretary.

W. N. P.

SASKATCHEWAN

The 16th Annual Communication was held in Regina on June 21st and 22nd, 1922.

M.W. Bro. G. M. Weir, Grand Master.

Bro. Weir's address is a readable and informative document and is a splendid contribution to Masonic literature. Much of it is well worth quoting.

The qualitative rather than the quantitative requisites underlying membership in our lodges require serious emphasis at the present juncture of our growth and I would admonish the brethren of this Grand Jurisdiction to be particularly vigilant in scrutinizing the quality, calibre and motives of all applicants seeking admission. No application for admission should be lightly reject, but, in my opinion, there is immeasurably greater need for a wholesome development in the Masonic knowledge and spirit of our present membership than for numerical growth or the lure of initiation fees.

Leisure for study, aptitude for investigation, and the desire to serve are essential conditions and qualifications for a Research Committee not lacking among many Masonic brethren of this Grand Jurisdiction, and these qualities might well be capitalized for the benefit of the Craft in general. In the future it may be possible to establish a circulating Masonic library but in the meantime a syllabus of Masonic research might be prepared for distribution among the subordinate lodges as a guide to Masonic study and investigation.

Such a bulletin should outline: (1) The scope and purpose of the work; (2) sources of information (books, journals, and works of reference more readily accessible); (3) methods of investigation and suggestions for study; and (4) topics for investigation, historical, symbolic, philosophical, and social with reference to the three degrees, as for instance: the origin and spread of Freemasonry, its place in the history of civilization; Freemasonry, in its relation to the church, to autocracy, to democracy and to enlightenment and freedom in general; Freemasonry in Europe, in England, in France, in Germany, in Canada, in Saskatchewan, in the United States—a historical study; the central truth of each degree—a philosophical study; the logical connection of the three degrees—a study in progressive evolution; Freemasonry and Immortality—a religious investigation; Freemasonry and life—a study in social psychology and ethics; the architecture of Masonic temples—a study in the relation between the external and internal; benevolence and charity; intellectual enlightenment—the seven liberal arts; the four cardinal virtues and their modern application to the social order; Freemasonry, and the various types of socialism (syndicalism, I.W.W. movement etc.); Freemasonry and the Bible; Freemasonry and Plato's Republic; Freemasonry and national stability; the working tools; posture of the candidate; the middle chamber, lights, jewels, pillars, gloves, stairs, wages—a study in allegory; the obligations, charges, and duties of citizenship; literary and artistic aspects of Freemasonry; mathematical and scientific teachings of the second degree; Freemasonry and tradition; Freemasonry and modern community life; the relation of Freemasonry to other organizations and institutions, and similar topics.

The chief object of the Grand Master's activity during his year of office was the Masonic Scholarship Project. A fund of \$15,000 to provide 50 scholarships of \$300 each to prospective teachers, with the object of encouraging them to take the necessary training in the Provincial Normal School at either Regina or Saskatoon, prior to spending at least one year in teaching in the Province, is donated with the sanction and under the direction of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, by the Constituent lodges of the province. As a result of this scheme thirty scholarship holders have completed their training and have commenced their year of service in 30 strategic points in various sections of the Province, where they are now ministering to the intellectual and spiritual needs of approximately 1,500 future Canadian citizens, exclusive of adults, whose mother tongue, in over 95 per cent. of the cases, is non-English.

It is evident that the leaders in Saskatchewan Masonry are men of vision. Grand Lodge adopted the report of a Committee that in their opinion the time had arrived when it was in the interests of humanity at large that an international daily newspaper be established for the promotion and support of those ideals of life and conduct and human relationship which Masonry more particularly stands for and approves, to wit:

1. Obedience to constituted authority.
2. Recognit'on of virtue, merit and ability.
3. Justice between man and man and between nation and nation.
4. Stimulation of industry and production.
5. Equality of opportunity for every one.
6. Promotion of the Arts and Sciences.
7. Spread of ideals of love and charity with and through all mankind.
8. Self-determination for the individual within the limits imposed by Masonic teaching.

A list of approved rulings is given which indicate some differences from the law and practice in Ontario. For example:

An affiliated P.M. from another jurisdiction is eligible for the Master's chair.

The Tyler's oath is to be given after the examination of the B. of T.

Candidate in the First Degree must be prepared and received individually, but after they have been presented by the S.W. and have answered singly the questions addressed to them by the W.M., they may at the discretion of the W.M., thereafter be taken collectively. Candidates in the Third Degree may be taken collectively to the end of the Ob., but, if taken collectively, they must then retire to the preparation room to be readmitted and raised singly after which they may again be taken collectively.

Membership at Feb. 28th, 1922, 11,970.

Lodges, 163.

Grand Master, A. Shepphard.

Grand Secretary, W. B. Tate, Regina.

T. S.

SCOTLAND

A Regular Quarterly Communication was held at Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, on Thursday, February 1st, 1923. The Right Honourable the Earl of Elgin and Kincardine, C.M.G., Grand Master, on the Throne.

Notice of motion was given that the Grand Lodge of Scotland approach the Grand Lodge of England and Ireland with reference to holding an International World's Conference of Freemasons' in London in 1924, during the British Empire Exhibition.

At a meeting of the Grand Committee on April 19th, 1923, a resolution was passed, expressing the regret of Scottish Masons at the death of Brother John A. Forrest, W.S., Past Provincial Grand Master. Bro. Forrest had bequeathed a legacy of £5,000 to be utilized in granting annuities to the children of deceased Masons.

In Scotland the same system is followed as in England. The Jurisdiction, which extends over almost all the world, Canada and the United States of America

being notable exceptions, is divided into 76 districts, under the control of Provincial and District Grand Masters, who report regularly to the Executive Board on the condition and progress of Masonry in their respective charges.

The Rt. Hon. Earl of Elgin, Grand Master.

David Reid, Edinburgh, Grand Secretary.

W.M.L.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

The Grand Lodge held its half-yearly Communication in Oct. 1921 and its Annual Communication on April 19, 1922. Both were held at Adelaide and were presided over by M.W. Bro. Arthur William Piper, K.C., G.M. Representatives from South Australia attended the Australian Masonic Conference held in Melbourne in November 1921. They reported that the subjects tabled for discussion were keenly debated but there was the intention, evident on the part of all, to treat any divergence of opinion in the true Masonic spirit. They had no doubt that the delegates had taken back to their respective jurisdictions many ideas which, in addition to promoting uniformity of practice, would in many cases lead to improvement in methods and procedure. The next Conference is to be held in Adelaide in 1924.

The Grand Secretary R.W. Bro. C. R. J. Glover had taken an extended trip through America and Great Britain in 1921. Bro. Glover combined business with pleasure, and spent a good deal of time inspecting Masonic Temples in the various cities he visited. He presented a report which was printed in full in the Annual Proceedings. He is evidently a man of strong likes and dislikes, and in expressing his opinions of the hospitality, or lack of it, extended to him by officials of the different Grand Lodges in his itinerary he offers thanks on the one hand with grateful profuseness, or castigates on the other with withering scorn. He does not hesitate to say what he thinks about the country, the Grand Lodge, the system, the city or the man, that he may be discussing at the time. Perhaps his judgments are sometimes coloured by the nature of the reception tendered him. He

says "America is a great country, in which Hospitality is boundless and Spittoons are countless." As the Grand Secretary of British Columbia does not put in an appearance at the office before 10.30 to 11.00 a.m. "one gathers, whether rightly or wrongly, that Freemasonry in that Province is in a more or less lethargic or comatose condition." In the Scottish Rite Temple in Washington, D.C., his reception was "as formal and as cold as the marble pillars and floors which adorn this elaborate building." He is disappointed with Freemasonry in Washington and explains in a postscript that as all the live wires in that city are underground, this probably accounts for the general slackness. Boston did not treat him very well and he hands out the usual rebuke but all the other places visited, 16 in number, receive high praise. He lists a few of the problems of the Craft in America "which must be faced resolutely, attacked promptly and dealt with both liberally and broad-mindedly":

- (1) Physical Qualifications.
- (2) The Printing of Rituals.
- (3) Smallness of Masonic Temples.
- (4) Large Lodges.
- (5) Meetings which practically convert a Lodge or Chapter into Degree factories.

He thinks the outstanding features of Freemasonry in America and England may be thus summarized:

(a) American—

1. Unbounded and most generous hospitality.
2. Highly dramatic ceremonies.
3. Keen interest for the well being of its members.

(b) England—

1. Pre-eminently a social Institution with extreme partiality for the Festive Board.
2. Keen interest in their Philanthropic Institutions.
3. Ceremonial, inclined to pomp and show.

Lodges as at June 30, 1921, 94.

Members, 9,136.

Grand Master, A. W. Piper, K.C.

Grand Secretary, C. R. J. Glover, Freemason's Hall,
Adelaide.

T. S.

SOUTH CAROLINA

The proceedings show on the fly-leaf a splendid photograph of a Mason whose features denote a striking balance of strength, uprightness and kindliness. He is Grand Master of South Carolina and was installed at the regular meeting held at Charleston on March 8th, 1922. Bro. O. Frank Hart of Columbia. The Ruling Grand Master at this the 185th Communication was Bro. Samuel T. Lanham.

There were eight special communications.

The Grand Master gave an excellent address from which we quote paragraphs of interest. Reference is made to the Washington Conference and its important influence on world conditions. The great purpose, at the present time, of all good men and true is to stabilize the world's industrial life and to bring about an entente between labour and capital, and to repress the insidious propaganda which, in the hands of radical and unscrupulous fire-brands aims at the destruction of ordered life, stable government and the security of property.

The Grand Master's thought is thus expressed:

"These are the times that try men's souls." This statement is as true today as it was of the Revolutionary War period when it was uttered. Men's souls are being tried today, no less than then. As political liberty was the need of that crisis, a moral emancipation is the supreme need of the American people today. And as political freedom could come only as the result of an appeal to arms, it is only by continuing in the Word of God, by becoming His disciples indeed, and by knowing the truth, that we shall be made free in the larger sense. It is an eternal truth that "The truth shall make you free." Let us rejoice that here and there we see signs of a revival of interest, in religious matters. Men do not scoff at religion, at God and His attributes, as formerly. Let us be grateful for every evidence of an awakened religious consciousness, and let us continue:

"to pray Almighty God that He may forgive our sins
and shortcomings as a people and purify our hearts

to see and love the truth, to accept and defend all things that are just and right, and to purpose only those righteous acts and judgments which are in conformity with His will."

An increase in the number of Masonic trials is noted and approved of as a good augury for the maintenance of the standards of the Craft.

South Carolina would not become a member of the International Bureau for Masonic Affairs set up in Switzerland, but has gladly become a contributor and collaborator. (It is the part of prudence to avoid entangling alliances!) The Grand Lodge of Switzerland had already been officially recognized and the results have proved satisfactory.

The Grand Master refrained from publishing the list of dispensations granted and refused, for which he was criticized by the committee to which his charge was referred.

A brief and concise report from each of the 24 districts follows the address which, all taken together, furnishes an exhaustive review of the condition of Masonry in the Jurisdiction.

We rarely see anything corresponding to our report on "the condition of Masonry" in American reports of proceedings. This report on the part of the Grand Lodge of Canada has been made famous by the literary efforts, covering a number of years, of the present Grand Master, Bro. W. N. Ponton.

The intensity of feeling with regard to the danger from which the public school system suffers is again reflected in a resolution submitted by a committee, which is as follows:

R.W. Brother C. K. Chreitzberg introduced the following resolution which was enthusiastically and unanimously adopted:

"We approve and assert our belief in the free and compulsory education of the children of our Nation in public primary schools supported by public taxation, on which all children shall attend and be instructed in the English language only, without regard to race or

creed, and we pledge the efforts of the membership of Grand Lodge to promote by all lawful means the organization, extension and development to the highest degree of such schools, and to continually oppose the efforts of any and all who seek to limit, curtail, hinder or destroy the public school system of our land."

The following resolution was passed in favor of the De Molay Boys and their work:

M.W. Bro. James L. Michie proposed the following resolution:

Whereas, The Order of De Molay for boys has come to the favorable attention of this Grand Lodge of A.F.M. of South Carolina; and

Whereas, Although the Order of the De Molay for Boys is non-Masonic it has close and binding Masonic affiliations, witnessed by the fact that no Chapter can be instituted nor do work except under the patronage of a regularly constituted Masonic Body; and

Whereas, Since the ideals and ritual inspire high moral conduct, promote genuine patriotism and inculcate love of home and loyalty to the public schools, it is the belief of the Grand Lodge of A.F.M. that sons of Masons and their chums will derive great and lasting good from membership in this order; therefore,

Be it Resolved, That this Grand Lodge of A.F.M. do heartily in-dorse the Order of De Molay for Boys, and

Be It Resolved, That each Subordinate Lodge be urged to promote and sponsor a Chapter of the Order of De Molay for Boys whenever possible.

Grand Lodge expended in relief \$21,143.12.

There are 28,436 Masons of whom 721 were initiated during the year.

Lodge dues \$35,069.90.

Bro. J. L. Michie, P.G.M., wrote Fraternal Correspondence. We have just gone through a report on the topical plan and it is a great relief to come back to one that goes through the reports and summarizes them in alphabetical order. But as we read the report of Bro. Michie our heart sank within us. He has performed a noble task and by comparison we feel the

feebleness of our own effort. Bro. Michie has reduced his review to a digest in his own words with a minimum of clippings and quotation. He has given the personal touch and has given informative and readable material of great value. This scribe wonders if he is a busy man or not. If he is we admire him all the more.

The following has reference to the Grand Lodge of Canada:

A motion to strike out the words "of Canada" in the present title of this Grand Lodge which reads, "The Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario", after "prolonged discussion," was deferred to the next Annual Communication. There are now other eight Grand Lodges in Canada, which makes the title of this Grand Lodge rather misleading, as it is generally called "The Grand Lodge of Canada," The other Grand Lodges are Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, Quebec and Saskatchewan.

Brother Edward B. Brown occupies a seat at the Round Table for the first time, and gives his readers a Review of other Jurisdictions characterized by rare intelligence and wise discrimination. We have met Brother Brown before, in Capitular fields, so were prepared to thoroughly enjoy his Report. He devotes about four pages to South Carolina for 1918. He quotes a few paragraphs from Grand Master Wannamaker's address and a few from this Scribe's scribblings. The only comment he makes is, after quoting this Scribe's views on French Masonry—having already quoted what Grand Master Wannamaker had to say on the subject—he says:

This is a moderate and fair statement. And, attractive as is the view presented by Grand Master Wannamaker, we are not surprised that the Brethren of South Carolina prefer to set their feet firmly in the old paths.

The Reports of the District Deputies cover 152 pages; we confess that we have not read them. We are told that every Lodge in the Jurisdiction had been visited by these zealous officers once and sometimes twice, and their unanimous verdict was that never before have such prosperity, harmony and good will existed as exist to-day. We learn that over seventy thousand dollars have been expended during the past year in the relief of less fortunate Brethren and their dependents. Let me quote a few lines from the Report of the Board on the Condition of Masonry:

Within the length of a cable tow the bloodiest battle of the war of 1812 was fought, a battle where many of our ancient brethren made the supreme sacrifice in defense of their country and their firesides. Let us thank the Giver of all good that these two great nations which live and flourish on either side of the mighty Niagara have developed an esteem and respect for each other which will make unpleasant relations between them impossible for all time.

R. C. B.

SOUTH DAKOTA

The Grand Master of South Dakota is a practising dentist and also a man of business interests. The dental profession has shared most creditably in the duties and responsibilities of Masonry.

M.W. Bro. W. F. Roscoe Wharton is a self-made man. By dint of industry he has climbed the ladder. The Grand Secretary is Geo. A. Pettigrew, who furnishes an attractive and well-arranged report.

There were fourteen "occasional" assemblings of Grand Lodge. The Annual Communication opening at Huron on Sept. 25th, 1921.

The address of welcome was delivered by Bro. A. Gascogne from which one quotation is worthy of record here.

While ever careful to refrain from wronging others, we must be no less insistent that we be not wronged. If from this hour we cheerfully and honestly abandon all prejudices and distrust, and determine with manly confidence in one another to work harmoniously for the achievement of our destiny, we will deserve to realize all the benefits which this Grand Lodge can bestow. Nothing can guarantee these benefits except the teachings and practice of the best citizenship, the exposure of the ends and aims of the gospel of discontent and hatred of social order so diligently preached in these times, and the enactment and execution of proper laws for our fraternity. Under such conditions it will be our own fault if we fail. The success which we confidently believe the future will bring, ought to make us feel a deep and abiding realization of all that life offers us, a full acknowledgment of the responsibility which is ours.

The Grand Master noted in his address a marked increase in membership during the year. This is different to many of the reports.

There has been manifest, throughout the reports of Grand Lodges of U.S., a tone of depression. Times are hard, industry unsettled, and labour scarce and costly. It is surprising to find in a country where the world's gold supply is concentrated such conditions as these. It gives point to the economic axiom that money does not make a country prosperous as it does not make

it great. It is the current of life and business, the industry and fidelity of citizenship and the recognition of international obligations that brings both greatness and prosperity.

Six lodges were constituted and six instituted.

The pressure in conferring degrees to all candidates to pass on into other Masonic societies is well illustrated in the following:

As usual a great many requests have been made for dispensations to confer degrees out of time, but only a few have been granted. These were given where it seemed to me that it would have worked a hardship upon the candidates had they been refused. Just to show you how far some will go in making their requests, I call your attention to one where the lodge asked that a dispensation be granted to receive a petition at a special communication, be balloted upon the same night and receive the degrees as rapidly as the candidate was able to learn the lectures, in order that he might take the so-called higher degrees before going away to school, which I believe was in about a month. Of course, this was refused. We should not be in a hurry, for it is not all of Masonry to receive the degrees and wear the emblem.

The Grand Master has a suggestion which we pass on for practical consideration:

Among the membership of our Lodges are a few of the brethren who have the distinction of continuous membership in the Order for fifty or more years. A few of them are still active to some extent in the work in one way or another. It seems to me that there ought to be some plan devised by which we can cheer them and show them that in Masonry there are no "has beens." Some token of appreciation might be prepared and presented in the name of the Grand Lodge. I suggest that the matter be referred to a special committee for consideration and report.

The Masonic Service Association has greatly impressed this Grand Lodge where there is keen anxiety about national interests as affected by the public school system and loyalty to governments.

First, the Masonic Service Association, in whose diligent husbandry we discover the promise of fruitful increase, and enforcement by precept and example obedience to the excellent tenets of Freemasonry; particularly commending the "Visualized Americanism" as shown in the screen pictures which have been presented during this communication, and which cannot fail, when widely distributed

throughout America to counteract disloyal tendencies and help to build up a more vigorous national spirit.

There are 150 chartered lodges, and an increase in membership making a total of 17,792.

Charity is administered by a Board of Trustees.

The New Grand Lodge of Queensland was formally recognized and a message of felicitation sent to that body.

The status quo in respect to Mexico was maintained.

Bro. Theodore R. Stoner was elected Grand Master for the ensuing year.

There is a lively Masonic Veteran's Association.

The report on Fraternal Correspondence was written by Bro. Charles L. Brockway. It is a very interesting and valuable document showing a great deal of work and care. He commends the address of the Grand Master of Canada and also our system of District Deputies.

There are many other good things in this address well worth reading, but we must forego further attempts to give our readers his viewpoint on many things of interest to the craft.

The detailed, very full and intensely interesting reports of the twenty-five District Deputy Grand Masters occupy more than 170 pages of the volume, and give vivid word pictures of the conditions as found by them in the lodges throughout the Province. One would say that this Grand Lodge is well served by these brethren.

In conclusion he makes the following comment:

Above all the matter of assimilation of the new members and building them up in the knowledge and practice of the principles and precepts of Masonry is becoming a subject of serious concern. The contrast between mere getting members and making Masons is a subject of thought and discussion everywhere. A pleasing sign of the times is that efforts to create and foster greater interest in the institution are everywhere meeting with a most encouraging response on the part of the members.

R. C. B.

TASMANIA

The 31st Annual Communication was held in the Masonic Hall, Hobart, on February 25, 1921. The proceedings are contained in a pamphlet of 39 pages. There is no report on Fraternal Correspondence but the receipt of the Report from Canada is acknowledged. The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Henry L. D'Emden presided. The following is from his address to Grand Lodge:

"Let us remember, Brethren, that Freemasonry is the oldest and the most conservative in the affairs of men, and we must endeavour to preserve it as it has been handed down to us from time immemorial. Its dignity must never be lowered by any act of ours and we must conduct ourselves so as to be known for the honesty displayed by our lives and actions. We should be proud that as Freemasons we are members of an institution that in all ages has attracted to its ranks men that were or are pre-eminent in all walks of life and whose example has ever exercised an influence towards the uplifting of human character.

"But when all is said and done as to what Freemasonry has been in the past or what it may be in the future it is of little use to us individually in this present age unless we weave its principles into the warp and woof of our daily lives."

Representatives from Tasmania attended the Conference of Delegates from Australian Grand Lodges held in Melbourne in November, 1921, and as a result several alterations to the Constitution were proposed at the Annual Communication and at the half-yearly Communication held at Hobart, in August, 1922. The discussions throw an interesting side-light on the question of physical qualifications. One of the recommendations of the Melbourne Conference was that no deaf, dumb, or blind candidates should be admitted. This recommendation was not adopted by Tasmania, the conclusion being reached that it would be best to leave things as they were, all cases to be considered by the Lodge, and where initiation was deemed desirable, a dispensation should be sought from the G.M., Lord Amphill, the Pro. Grand Master of England, wrote that in his opinion:

"You can unhesitatingly admit a blind man who is otherwise eligible to the Craft. Indeed, it seems to me that in admitting the particular man of whom you tell me you would be doing something

fully in accordance with the true spirit of the Craft, and seizing an opportunity for the exercise of 'Brotherly Love and Relief' of the best kind. I have never heard the question of the eligibility of sightless men raised in this country. I imagine that it must have been definitely decided long before my time, and it would astonish as well as pain me if the decision had been adverse. Blind persons learn to develop their other senses and faculties in such a wonderful way that I can see no practical difficulty and from the point of view of principle there cannot possibly be any objection among Masons who are no longer operative and have all become speculative. There were, of course, very practical objections to those who were halt or maimed or blind in ancient times, when Masonic Lodges were actually the Trade Unions of the day."

The Grand Secretary of England remarked:

"We do not as a rule, encourage blind men to enter our Order, but where blindness is the result of injuries sustained during the war, we have allowed candidates to be initiated."

Four new lodges were established during the year.

Lodges as at December 31, 1921, 32.

Members, 2,494.

Grand Master, Henry L. D'Emden.

Acting Grand Secretary, W. H. Strutt, 117 Macquerie St., Hobart.

T. S.

TASMANIA

The 32nd Annual Communication was held at Launceston on Feb. 24, 1923. The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Henry L. D'Emden presided. He deprecated the publication of minute particulars regarding lodge meetings and hoped that those in authority would refrain from publishing such information. His address concludes with the following:

"Our Ancient Order, which has existed from time immemorial, is built upon the sure and sound foundations of piety and virtue, and has broken down antagonism and weathered the storms of centuries. The progress of the Order is noticeable the world over, and in our Jurisdiction, small as it is, we have kept in the line of Masonic advancement and my great hope is that our Institution will continue to increase in numbers and influence, and in the estimation of the people of our Island State."

The Proceedings contain "orations" delivered at meetings of the Grand Lodge held on special occasions. From one of these we quote the following:

"I may take advantage of this opportunity to say to the younger members that the Masonic Order lays no claims to be a religious society, It has no propaganda; it encourages no one to join the Order; it has no missionary agencies. It is not a benefit society. It is a society that prizes honour and virtue above the external advantages of rank and fortune; it encourages fidelity to God, loyalty to the realm, obedience to the laws of the nation that protects us. It is a society that instils the necessity of exercising every moral and social virtue. Its chief aim is character building. It lays its foundations in the Fatherhood of God. The cardinal virtues, prudence, temperance, fortitude, and justice, are its four corner stones. The theological virtues—faith, hope and charity—are its adornments. It has profound respect for all religious systems and encourages each member to worship God with reverence and holy fear according to the dictates of his own conscience."

Lodges as at Dec. 31st, 1922, 36.

Members, 2,827.

Grand Master, Henry L. D'Emden

Acting Grand Secretary, W. H. Strutt, 117 Macquerie St., Hobart.

T.S.

TENNESSEE

The one hundred and eighth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee was held in Freemasons' Hall, Nashville, January 25th, 1922. Of the 461 Lodges in the jurisdiction only 14 were not represented. Eight new Lodges were granted charters and dispensations for the formation of new Lodges were granted for the same number.

Grand Master Rodney Blake was particularly active during his term of office, making in all 174 visits during the year. Frequently he visited Lodges without giving notice of his intended visit. On one occasion no one knew him on his arrival and the good brother Tiler proceeded to appoint a committee to examine him. While the committee was being appointed a brother arrived who recognized him as the Grand Master and he was saved the embarrassment of an examination.

The Masonic Home of Tennessee is in a flourishing condition. The sum of \$60,000 was appropriated towards the upkeep of the Home and of this amount \$5,000 was not expended. Nor are activities of Tennessee Masons confined to the care of the aged, the widow and the orphan.

Bro. George P. Chandler, Chairman of the Special Committee appointed to examine and report upon the advisability of erecting a building at the University of Tennessee, which was referred to the committee on Ways and Means, reported in part as follows:

"A careful survey made by members of the Masonic Club now existent at the University develops that there are in attendance about 65 Master Masons in student capacity. Furthermore, there are about 160 sons of Master Masons in attendance at the Institution. There are also over a hundred daughters of Masons in attendance."

Provision has already been made for a residence for the lady students through the liberality of a Master Mason and the special committee has obtained an option on a suitable building, approximate to the University, for the Masonic male students.

The concluding remarks of the report are worthy of publication.

"Your committee cannot conceive of any facility which would carry out our expressed wish to aid in the education and training of the youth of the state to a greater extent than to furnish this housing to Masons and Masons' sons, thus throwing around them the influence of the Craft, and environment in such a substantial manner as to make a deep, and lasting impression of the real merits of our great Institution. Other states have taken up this thought and are developing it rapidly and efficiently, namely: Texas, Oklahoma, Alabama and others, and we believe this to be a wonderful opportunity for the Masons of Tennessee to demonstrate their loyalty to a great educational institution and express beyond contradiction their unequivocal endorsement to the great cause of education, thus sending back to the various communities, from whence they came, not only trained men, but men who recognize the value and assistance afforded them by members of the Masonic Fraternity and to which they will be loyal supporters for the balance of their lives."

Grand Master Taylor has had a meteoric career in Masonry. He was made a Master Mason in 1909, and elected Grand Master in 1922. Is this not a record?

Canada receives favourable comment in the review of foreign jurisdictions.

Members 42,905. Increases during year, 3,418.

Walker M. Taylor, Memphis, Grand Master.

Stith M. Cain, Nashville, Grand Secretary.

W. J. D.

TEXAS

The Eighty-seventh Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Texas was held in the Grand Masonic Temple at Waco, on Tuesday, December 5th, 1922.

The report is the most voluminous of all the reports which we have received. The reasons of this is that seven hundred and seventy pages are used in giving the names of 120,000 Masons in the jurisdiction. Is this not a needless expense, Texas ?

The report as a whole, is most interesting and comprehensive. Masonry in Texas is a real vital force in this, the largest state in the Union. The Lodge numbers run to 1,185 and there are 115 districts. Large Lodges are numerous; many have over 500, and eight have over 1,000 members.

A feature of the opening exercises is the reception of all the Masons in attendance at the session who have passed the half-century mark as members of the Craft. On this occasion ten of the venerable brethren were thus honoured.

An interesting item in the Grand Master's address is the granting of a dispensation to form a lodge of Freemasons in the city of Coblenz, Germany, the members of which were soldiers of the American Army of Occupation. The Lodge is named "Lahneck Lodge" and its meetings are held in the Lodge-room of the German Masonic Lodge in Coblenz. The Grand Master's report of the founding of this Lodge is so interesting that we quote it in full:

"Practically all officers of the Lodge at Coblenz are officers in the American Army of Occupation, ranking from colonel down, and all are genuine American citizens with American ideals and American training.

"These brethren were so anxious to establish the Lodge that they notified me that they would pay as much as \$2,000.00 of the necessary expenses to send a representative there to set the lodge to work, and though I had planned to have some distinguished Mason of the Grand Lodge of Texas do this, developments described, necessitating the long delay, made it advisable, when the decision was finally made to keep the Army of Occupation in Germany, to act promptly, and with the assurance that those on the ground were possessed of the proper knowledge of the laws, and the ritualistic work, I dispatched the dispensation by mail without sending the delegate from Texas.

"In granting this dispensation I realized that it was fraught with many dangerous possibilities. I found no law to authorize it, but I also found there was no law preventing it. I, along with thousands of other Masons, had felt incensed that Masons were unable to send their delegates into Europe during the war and work for the common cause of humanity; I had felt that Masonry had been done an injustice when Masons were denied the privilege of working in the army training camps, while thousands upon thousands of the young manhood of America were mobilized to fight for the cause which Masonry has always held as one of its cardinal virtues. I recalled that it was Masons who had founded the American Government, and had written the principles of Masonry into the organic laws of the land; I thought of the stories and traditions of the travelling Masons of Mediaeval times, who had lived in huts around the buildings under construction, the cathedrals and castles on the Rhine, and the historic cities of middle Europe, who had taught and guarded the secrets of Architecture from the vulgar stone-cutters and wall builders, the cowans and rough Masons, and had given aught of their earnings to a wrothy brother in times of distress, and I was unable to understand why our own gallant American and Texas soldier boys should not be able to teach and to guard our modern lessons of Architecture in Character Building, in benevolence and civil liberty, even when clothed in the khaki, and under the tents of the American soldier, and while located in the same old towns and cities of the ancient days.

"So, my brothers, I had this wonderful opportunity presented to me to afford our soldier boys the privilege of forming this lodge, and I would forever afterward have closed my lips against further criticism and bowed my head in everlasting shame had I refused this wonderful chance which has come to but few Masons, and no matter what may be the decision of the Grand Lodge as to the wisdom and the advisability of establishing the lodge at Coblenz, it will always stand out in my own mind as the crowning event of my Masonic experience and the year it has been my privilege to serve the Craft as Grand Master.

"A report under date of August 21st shows that the lodge is going along in fine shape, and to that date had conferred twelve E.A. degrees with two more elected to receive same, and had affiliated three more, and had several more applications on file for application."

Grand Master Johnson during his year of office refused to allow over forty applicants to be initiated owing to various physical defects and answered one hundred and seven questions on which he was required to pass judgment. Question 88 is an amusing one: "What is the age that a man begins his dotage?" Answer: "No certain age, depending entirely on the mental and physical condition of the individual."

Thirty-seven charters were granted to new Lodges.

The Committee on Jurisprudence, in a very able report, makes the following comment:

"We have been pained at the rebellion and insubordination indicated by acts of lodges and individuals reported by the Grand Master. It may be argued that there are comparatively few, but it shows that the state of mind which has taken hold upon so many of our citizens and which would cause them to substitute their selfish desire for obedience and the untutored opinions for law, has invaded the Masonic household and is causing dissension and strife and a loosening of the bonds which should bind us together. We commend the Grand Master for the heroic way in which he has treated such spirit of insubordination and innovation and administered swift and decisive punishment. That the spirit of lawlessness and contempt for authority has invaded this fraternity is evident from several attempts to advance political interests through the channel of Masonic affiliation, to prostitute it to business purposes, to trample upon the right of protest as to those seeking the degrees, to advance the interest of sectarian meetings through the influence of lodges, to dull the edge of fraternal feelings through soliciting for what may be deemed charitable purposes, to carry the Masonic name and prestige into the domain of athletic sport and the possession and use of code, or cipher books, when in direct violation of edict and obligation. All of these and other acts of contumacy, tending to show a looseness in morals and contempt of law, or ignorance almost as culpable, gives cause for thought and should inspire us with the determination to array ourselves against the restless desire for things foreign to Masonry and to meet the evil spirits of lawlessness, disloyalty and unfaithfulness with the French rallying cry, "They shall not pass."

The Masonic home is in a flourishing condition. The farm in connection showed a profit of over \$6,000.

There are 314 children in attendance and the average cost is \$360 per pupil.

Canada is not reviewed.

Most Wor. Bro. Mike H. Thomas, Dallas, Grand Master.

R.W. Bro. W. B. Pearson, Waco, Grand Secretary.

Membership, 117,000.

W. J. D.

VERMONT

Masonry has lived long in the State of Vermont. From the annual report we gather that her old age is strong and vigorous. The one hundred and twenty-ninth Annual Communication was held at Burlington on June 14 and 15, A.L. 5,922, at the hour of ten o'clock, with M.W. Bro. Harriman presiding.

The Grand Master's address is an able exposition of the year's activities and progress. In his opening remarks he says:

"It was certainly wisdom in our predecessors in the early days of the Grand Lodge after trying fall and winter for the annual sessions to select this, the most beautiful season of the year, for our annual assembly. In June nature is at her best, and even man feels nearer to his Creator as he sees on every side the old, yet ever new, the usual, yet ever wonderful, revival of nature. All months have their peculiar beauty, but no other month, it seems to me, so typifies life and joy, as does our own month of June. Inspired by the fullness of life in nature about us, let us here work with sure faith that God will bless our labours."

He announces and mourns the death of several distinguished brethren in his jurisdiction.

He reports that no questions of jurisprudence have been sent him which could not have been answered by reference to the Digest or to established custom or usage. This is a criticism that is made by many Grand Masters in various jurisdictions.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Corres-

pondence is written by M.W. Bro. Eugene S. Weston. This is his first report and reveals an immense amount of labour in its preparation. It is written in the topical form and such subjects as the "Ballot", "Jurisdiction", "Physical Perfection" are discussed. The topical form has few friends among Correspondents. Bro. Weston himself does not approve of it, and says so in no uncertain tone. Then why adopt it, Bro. Weston? The old narrative form is certainly more interesting and attractive.

The net gain for the year is 789 and the total membership is 17,801.

George I. Whitney, Bellows Falls, Grand Master.

Henry H. Ross, Burlington, Grand Secretary.

W. J. D.

VIRGINIA

The 144th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Virginia was held in the city of Richmond on February 14th, 1922, M.W. Bro. John S. Bottimore presiding. During the year the Grand Master was most active and presented an address to Grand Lodge that was both instructive and interesting. His opening remarks are worthy of insertion in this report:

"Masonry appears to have entered upon an era of unusual activity. The great increase in Masonic membership all over the world is attracting much attention. The trend of the mass-thought is to Masonry. Why? Numerous reasons have been assigned. The prime reason I deem to be the appeal to the intellect and the conscience of mankind, made by Masonry standing unscathed and unchanged amid the wreck of nations, amid the ruin, destruction and devastation made by the world war and amid the bitter hatred engendered by and the deadly strife of that war, giving to Masons neutral grounds where hatred ceased and deadly strife is superseded by brotherly love.

"It has been gratifying to learn of the efforts being made in some parts of the State to instill into the members a deeper knowledge of the greatness of Masonry; efforts which are tending to make Masons out of members. These efforts should be encouraged.

"The forms and ceremonies of initiation and the lectures furnish the alphabet only of Masonry. They do not, of themselves, make any man a Mason, but only a member. Too often this member does

not use this alphabet; he will not learn to spell and then to read, and having read, to understand, and rushes on into the so-called "higher degrees" with little knowledge or appreciation of those through which he has passed. It is this spirit that seeks to change the alphabet, because of lack of understanding. It would, through ignorance, tear down the very foundation stones on which the whole super structure of Masonry is erected.

"Nothing would do so much for the good of the Craft as to awaken in the hearts and minds of our members a deep, unquenchable thirst for Masonic knowledge, and an increasing demand for such additional light as will reveal that great, underlying, living something which makes our Ancient Institution the most vigorous and helpful of all organizations for making its members God-fearing, law-abiding, useful citizens of the great Republic, founded by Masons on Masonic principles."

The Grand Master refused all requests for dispensations to receive petitions for the Entered Apprentice's degree from candidates who could not without artificial aid or friendly assistance conform to the Ritual.

He pays a tribute to Dr. Ramon D. Garcin, who for twenty-seven years has, day and night, given his great skill to the children of the Home without any remuneration.

The Grand Lodge was visited by the Governor and Lieut.-Governor of Virginia.

The reports of the fifty-eight District Deputies are models of brevity; one of these consists of three lines.

The report of the proceedings is made voluminous by the insertion of the names of all the Masons of Virginia, no less than three hundred and fifty-five pages with nothing but names. This section does not add to the excellence of the report and does not make interesting reading.

Extensive quotations from M.W. Bro. Harcourt's address are given in the review of Canada.

Members 38,786. Increase 3,650.

Jas. A. Price, Grand Master.

Chas. A. Nesbitt, Grand Secretary.

W. J. D.

WASHINGTON

The sixty-fifth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Washington was held at Seattle on Tuesday, June 13th, 1922, and succeeding days, M.W. Bro. John Gifford presiding.

The Grand Master has had a busy year. He laid no less than fourteen corner-stones and constituted eleven new Lodges amidst his many other activities. His address is a model of brevity.

The Grand Secretary reports that since 1904 the number of Masons has increased from 4,000 to 38,000 and the assets from \$29,000 to \$425,000.

Three Lodges in Washington have over one thousand members.

On motion of W. Bro. Daniel W. Bass (87), Trustee of the Masonic Home, the Grand Secretary was requested to send a letter of greetings to Bro. Rufus G. Newlands, a member of Dayton Lodge, No. 26, now residing at the Masonic Home, and tender him the congratulations of the Grand Lodge on his centennial birthday, with its best wishes for the continuance of his good health and spirits.

The report contains a roster of all the Lodges in the Jurisdiction.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is the able effort of M.W. Bro. Ralph C. McAllaster. His conclusion is so far-reaching and contains so much food for reflection that we quote it in full:

"We are impressed with the fact, as we finish this review, that American Masonry stands today at what is probably the pinnacle of her influence and usefulness, but stands there with a very grave doubt as to whether she is to maintain that stand.

"Harmony is the strength and support of all institution, and Masonry, especially, is dependent thereon for her perpetuity and her usefulness. Yet that harmony is rapidly being destroyed in the race to commit Masonry to a multitude of things wherein harmony is an impossibility. Plans and policies wherein men of the best intentions differ; purposes of the very highest, wherein there is no difference of

opinion whatever as to their advisability and propriety, but concerning which the methods of accomplishment leave very large opportunity for difference are being foisted upon Masonry for her endorsement.

"We proudly proclaim that Masonry is in no sense a political institution; yet Grand Lodges, one after another, are endorsing certain political measures; while thousands of Masons are advertising their Masonic affiliations as vote-catchers in the political campaigns.

"We proclaim the equality of all men within the brotherhood; yet the Klu Klux Klan gains such a foothold within our ranks that it is in places taken for a Masonic institution. It asserts its antipathy to the Jews, and thousands of them are brother Masons. We also permit the organization of societies based on Masonry which openly boast that they are organized to 'boost each other', purposely discriminating between brethren for business and political ends, and that discrimination is based on no Masonic principles of fitness.

"We are fostering within our ranks a large and growing opposition to a group of citizens on account of their religion, and yet there is not a thing in our declaration of principles which renders them ineligible to membership in our Fraternity.

"It is our boast that Masonry unites men of every country, sect and opinion; and yet we are permitting the organization of Lodges which are for people of one language, or for those engaged in one line of daily vocation; while we carry the animosities of war into our selection of candidates because of the land of their birth.

"We declare that Masonry is a system of morality; yet we sit supinely by while groups of Masons, under certain distinguishing titles, exist for "entertainment", and carry on projects for the raising of funds which violate every law of morality.

"We have read page after page of calls upon Masonry to do something to justify herself; to take this or that stand that will show to the world where we stand on all these great questions. We have read many sarcastic references to the Mason who refuses to allow himself to be drawn into these problems under the banner of Masonry, with the idea that Masonry is united and can be counted upon to support unitedly any project which a Grand Lodge endorses, and we invariably find the proponents of these measures oppose the pet project of some other brother.

"It may be a reflection on our intelligence, but we have gone over in our mind the various degrees through which we have passed, and we fail to recall anything, any place, which looks toward anything but the development of the individual. To give him strength of mind and heart to meet the problems of daily life for himself; to enable him to differ with his brother man and yet to grant that brother man credit or equal sincerity with himself; to differ with his Brother Mason in the affairs of the world, but to leave those differences outside the door of the Lodge and meet him upon the level

inside the tiled recesses; these and only these things can conciliate true friendship among those who would otherwise remain perpetually at a distance.

"And so we feel, and must continue to feel, that unless Masonry can see her way clear to cut loose from these offendings, she is bound to lose in prestige and influence; she will become torn by internal dissensions and be flouted by the outside world which now respects her. We appeal to her, unmoved by all extraneous influences, to move forward in her one great object of making character, and let that character distribute itself and make itself felt for the good of the world through the chosen working tools of the individual Mason."

M.W. Bro. Jas. McCormack, Tacoma, Grand Master.

R.W. Bro. Horace Tyler, Tacoma, Grand Secretary.

W. J. D.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

During the year 1921-22 one Annual and three Quarterly Communications were held. The Annual Communication was held in Perth on May 25th, 1922, with G.M., Most Rev. C. O. L. Riley, Archbishop of Perth, presiding.

The growing custom, here as elsewhere of admitting candidates together, of obligating them together, and of jointly addressing them throughout the whole of the ceremony, led to a strong protest from the Grand Master, who, after consultation with the Board of General Purposes, expressed the desire that each candidate should be taken separately up to that point where the three lesser lights were explained.

As to the necessity for economy he gave the following advice:

"I do not wish to say anything against the Festive Board because from ancient times our brethren have been accustomed to adjourn from 'Labour to Refreshment', and besides it affords about the only opportunity the brethren have of conversing with each other, but it should be on a frugal scale and quite within the Lodge's means."

The Grand Master noted that the tendency to bring forward candidates under the age of 21 years seem-

ed to be growing stronger, and it was generally assumed on the part of many Masters that a Dispensation would be granted as a matter of course. He desired to lay his views before Grand Lodge that it was only in exceptional cases that lads of 18 years were fit and proper persons to be admitted to the Craft, and he intended, as far as he possibly could, without injury to anyone, to strictly limit the issue of Dispensations for under-age candidates.

M.W. Bro. Riley had been asked as to the propriety or otherwise of brethren under the rank of Master Mason visiting other Lodges, and while averse to laying down any very hard and fast rule on the subject he thought it might be accepted as a general principle that it is not desirable that Entered Apprentices or Fellow Crafts should visit, except under some very special circumstances. He understood that in the earlier days of the Craft in Western Australia it was the custom to inform the newly-raised brother that he was *now* permitted to visit other Lodges.

Delegates from Western Australia attended the Australian Masonic Conference at Melbourne in November, 1921, and presented a report dealing with the recommendations of the Conference. They say:

"It was unfortunate that New Zealand could not be represented, as their difficulties are similar to our own, inasmuch as they have other Constitutions at work in their territory. We were the only delegates who could not speak on behalf of the whole of the Freemasons in our State, a circumstance that some of the other delegates found difficult to understand."

The reference in the above is probably to the fact that some of the lodges in Western Australia still adhere to their Scottish mother, and have a Provincial Grand Lodge. The conditions for transferring their allegiance are that a Scottish Lodge by dispensation can take a vote on the question of joining the local Grand Lodge, and the disposal of its property. A resolution for transfer must be carried by a majority of two-thirds of the brethren present.

The Review of Foreign Correspondence is in charge of a Committee and Canada's report for 1921 is sym-

pathetically dealt with by Bro. F. A. McMullen who quotes liberally from M.W. Bro. Harcourt's address.

Lodges as at Dec. 31, 1921-92

Members, 5,517.

Grand Master, His Grace The Archbishop of Perth.

Grand Secretary, J. D. Stevenson, Free-masons' Hall, Perth.

T. S.

WEST VIRGINIA

The report of the Grand Lodge of West Virginia is most interesting and creditable.

The 58th Annual Communication was held in the city of Fairmount on November 15th, 1922, and succeeding days. M.W. Bro. Samuel T. Spears, G.M. presided. Seventeen Past Grand Masters were in attendance. The laying of corner-stones seems very popular in West Virginia, as the Grand Master reports no less than nineteen of these functions.

The Grand Master was called upon to make many decisions during the year. Among these was one which gives brethren the privilege of joining and participating in the work of the Eastern Star. This organization seems quite popular in the State of West Virginia.

The Grand Master refused the request of the Mystic Order of Veiled Prophets of the Enchanted Realm to hold a ceremonial in a Masonic Lodge room on the grounds that the ceremony of initiation or entertainment, from the Masonic standpoint, was nothing more than an ordinary show, which is forbidden in a lodge room.

Under the caption, "Good of the Order," the Grand Master makes a strong arraignment against organizations which are not Masonic, but still require that their initiates shall be Master Masons. Here is one excerpt:

"We cannot get away from the fact that these so-called higher degrees are calling upon our membership for large amounts of fees

and dues, whereas when charity calls it is the Blue Lodge that must respond. And this notwithstanding that she is the most modest in the amount of fees charged and dues collected. I believe that the Blue Lodge should exercise some supervision or control over the amount of fees that may be charged and dues collected by the other orders, which, without the Blue Lodge as their foundation, could last but a little while."

The concluding sentences of a very able address are as follows:

"I fear widows and orphans of deceased Masons, because of their pride, do not make their needs known, and how many are seeing to it that their needs are voluntarily supplied. We all mingle with the friends before and at the grave, but after the flowers have faded and the friends are gone and that indescribable cruel hand of loneliness settles down around those left behind, how many of us then offer sympathy, help and charity? We must not forget that there is more fame in the battles of peace than in the victories of war, and we should not forget that

"The drying up a single tear has more
Of honest fame, than shedding seas of gore'."

The total receipts from all sources were \$92,249.45 and the disbursements amounted to practically the same figure.

The reports of the District Deputies are commendable for their conciseness. They report that Masonry is in a flourishing condition, but that some of the Masters are not proficient in the work of the three degrees.

The Grand Lodge has just completed the building of a Masonic Home.

Three hundred and thirteen pages are consumed in printing the names of all the Masons in the jurisdiction.

The report of Foreign Correspondence is written by M.W. Bro. Atkinson, a Past Grand Master and a Past Grand Secretary. We would like to meet him, as we believe he is the Grand Old Man of Masonry in West Virginia. He tells us that he has been a Mason for over half a century and that he has written the report of Foreign Correspondence for thirty-one years. To use a familiar expression of his, we wish to say this is "some record."

His report comprises a review of sixty-nine jurisdictions, and covers one hundred and sixty-five pages. It is one of the most interesting reports we have read.

Canada for 1921 and 1922 is well and favourably reviewed. He says of Grand Master Ponton's address,

"I have only time and space to say that this address is a classic from start to finish, and is a valuable addition to Canadian Masonic History, which I am sure will be highly appreciated by all Masons who heard, or have read it."

He also says that the reports of our District Deputies should be used as samples for all American Grand Lodges.

May you live to write many more reports, Bro. Atkinson!

E. Carl Frame, Grand Master.

John M. Collins, Charleston, Grand Secretary.

Membership, 29,404.

W. J. D.

Appendix II to Proceedings, 1923

Report of the Evening Meeting, held in Massey Hall,
Wednesday, July 18th, 1923

THE GRAND MASTER: Brethren, and Ladies and Gentlemen, our Friends of Toronto: It is a very great pride and pleasure to me to have the privilege of addressing you this evening, as an old Toronto boy. It is true I am a Bay of Quinte boy, but also I am of Toronto for I have a treasury of Toronto memories, identified and associated with old Upper Canada College, its Cadet corps, the old Rifle Ranges, Osgoode Hall, the University, and the gallant old Queen's Own Rifles and the 48th, with which more or less I have been identified in the past, so that it feels like coming home to come to Toronto. When I say coming home, that note will probably be sounded many times to-night, for I can say to Lord Ampthill and Sir John Ferguson and the other delegates from England that Canadians always speak of the "Homeland" and still call it "going Home" when they cross the Atlantic to that centre and citadel of the world, London, going to that

Homeland, Sea-land, Home of the Free-land,
Loyal thy children wherever they be;
One in thy Motherland, one in our brotherland
One in devotion undying to thee.

Toronto has proved the truth of those words by the regiments she has sent out, by the men who fought and lived and came back again, gallant soldiers of the Empire; men also who we can say won their battles, as they say in England, in the words of the Headmaster of Eton, "Many a battlefield has been won on the playing fields of Eton." And at Harrow, Rugby and all those other historical centres, and we cannot do any better tonight—although we are not going to have a sad night of it—than to just repeat here what they say over there, led by the Headmaster of Eton, in memory of those who will never see this noble hall again and who will never enter the halls of Toronto

again, in memory of our brothers who for all our praying will never return to this dear land again, who lie, their country's dead, our honoured dead, upon the Belgian shore, until that great Day when at the Throne of Heaven the gates are opened and the judgments said, your lives for one Empire, hearth and dear ones given, this city will not forget, will not forget. (Applause.)

I am sure you are all delighted to have the Commonwealth of Massachusetts represented here, and our Western Provinces, Alberta with its field of the Cloth of Gold, the granary of the Empire represented here; we have made such friends with the representatives of Massachusetts that we believe they are thoroughly identified with us, and we hope feel as much at home as they do in their own Boston; so that we feel that we are not welcoming them as guests—and indeed we are not, because we have made them members of our own tribes and families, our own kith and kin of this Grand Lodge under whose Grand auspices we are met. But it is because of the presence of gallant soldiers of the Empire, Lord Ampthill and Col. Hamilton-Wedderburn—both of whom wear honours worthily won and worthily worn—as to Sir John Ferguson and Bro. Carlyle—that I venture to share with you an experience showing the generosity of the British Press and the British public in London. Here in Toronto the “Globe” and the “Mail and Empire” on the day following that great day in June of the Battle of Ypres, had a wee bit paragraph giving the news of the battle. Oh, but they do things differently over in England, where they are supposed to be somewhat somnolent and moribund. They did not speak of what the British Tommy did, or what the Highland Regiments did, or what the Irish Regiments did—because, God bless them, there were 250,000 bayonets showing that Ireland was still part of the Empire, and that the flag of the Empire still was theirs. (Applause.)

But the Master of Kingsway Lodge was going home from his banking institution—Arthur Playford—and he saw as he passed the “Daily Mail” a poster with the words:—

"CANADIANS RECAPTURE ONE MILE OF
TRENCHES."

One mile of trenches recaptured. Lost but regained. Not a word about anyone else, only the Canadians, they were the Empire. Then he said, if the "Daily Telegraph" with its hundreds of thousands of readers, says that, what does the "Pall Mall Gazette" say? And he went along to that paper, after absorbing these bulletins which were still wet on the bulletin boards, and putting them in his pocket, he went to the "Pall Mall Gazette," and he found there the same note of triumph:—

"CANADIAN SUCCESS AT YPRES."

The victory at Ypres that is dear to the heart of every gallant Canadian and of every Britisher, and he slipped that bulletin also into his pocket. Then he said, What will the "Westminster" say, let us get within the shadow of Westminster, and he found there the same story of gallantry, the same victory:—

"CANADIANS BRILLIANTLY RETAKE THE
LOST TRENCHES."

Only one news of the Empire before that generous community over there. Then he said, We will see what the "London Globe" says:—

"THE GALLANT CANADIANS. YPRES RE-
COVERED."

They are getting into adjectives now, you see. (Laughter.)

There was the note—the gallant and the brilliant. Then after absorbing all these bulletins, although his coat-tails were beginning to bulge, he thought he would go along and see what the "Daily Chronicle" said, and there he found an extra late war edition:

"CANADIANS RETAKE THE LOST TRENCHES."

The same story. Then he began to get into

Masonic symbolism as he passed along to the "Evening News," because there he came home to Canada, and that was the last he gave because he was satisfied then and he sent out these posters to me, his friend, and it was this:—

"BRAVO, MAPLE LEAF CANADIANS."

(Applause.)

That is the symbolism of Empire: Bravo, Maple Leaf Canadians. They have caught the spirit that exists out here, that the Rose, the Shamrock and the Thistle—Sir John Ferguson of Aberdeen, the Thistle—and the Lys,

"All bloom in one garden 'neath the Maple Tree."

And then we are delighted to have the dear ones and the near ones of many of us here tonight—the mothers, sisters, the daughters, shall I say the sweet-hearts also of those chivalrous and gallant Masons who if not married I hope at least have sweethearts and a potential future before them. (Laughter.)

And the wives, nearest and dearest of all. Perhaps you wonder, ladies, why it is that you are not Masons or permitted to be so. May I just explain it as the French explain it? You know that Masons are always striving, if by any means they may attain, always climbing the ladder—and by the way we climb the ladder in exactly the same attitude as they first learned the Creed—always striving, "Man never is but always to be blest." We are looking for perfection and never attaining it. Ah, but you ladies, having already attained perfection, do not need Masonry. (Laughter and applause.)

I am sure you will all agree with me, brethren, that the Poet Laureate of Masonry was absolutely right when he said:—

"All Nature swears, the lovely dears
Her noblest work she classes-O
Her 'prentice hand,
(Her entered apprentice hand.)
She tried on man,
And then she made the Lasses-O.'

First the clay and then the Carrara marble. I think you will also agree with me that while a happy home, an ideal home, is woman's masterpiece, the woman who presides over that home is God's masterpiece. And we are going to have exemplifications tonight, I trust, by some of the Master Craftsmen of that Craft which teaches chivalry, gallantry, and the idealization of womanhood. There are three great epochs of history that stand out above all the rest and, strange to say, they range with three women: First, the good Queen Elizabeth. We are on the eve today of the anniversary of the sighting of the Armada, the 20th of July, and our stalwart sailors then, as now, were the best on the brine. Our good Queen Elizabeth was then printing the Armada Bible in 1588. That was the best work of good Queen Bess. And then the good Queen Anne. What did she do? Well, a great deal of the legislation, as lawyers know, dates from Queen Anne. But what did she do? With a woman's tact she consummated the union between Scotland and England. Do you think they would have been united if the Rose had been placed above the arch of Kensington Palace where the Act of Union was signed? Queen Anne knew too well the predilections of Scotsmen for the Thistle, and you will see today if you go to Kensington Palace that there are no Roses, nothing but Thistles graved on the Arch.

So that the Scotsmen were the slaves of diplomacy if they had never been slaves before. And then our good Queen Victoria, womanly Queen and queenly mother. Oh, it is fine to think of Queen Victoria's reign as the boys and girls are now thinking of Queen Mary's reign and that gracious message Queen Mary sent.

I am sure we are going to have a very happy evening together. We are released from the formalities and the arbitrary discipline of this afternoon and we are going in for that happy social enjoyment which the merry Masons have always delighted in, with a belief in the happiness of duty and the duty of happiness. I am now going to ask the choir of St. James Cathedral, under the leadership of Dr. Ham, to render

some of that magnificent music that was sung in Westminster Abbey on the occasion of the burial of the Unknown Warrior. For ever after as they pass through the Abbey to their Coronation Service, the Kings and Queens will pass and honour as they go, the tomb of the Unknown Warrior. I am sure, ladies, that you will all understand that story that has come, and feel the pathos of it, of the hundreds of thousands of mothers that bring their little children there, and in awestruck whispers, but in hopeful notes, the little ones speak and say "Mother, is it Daddy?" Because Daddy lies in an unknown grave. It may be unknown, but it may be that over it a grateful and loyal people write this epitaph: "Somewhere hereabouts lies a very gallant gentleman."

Ladies and gentlemen, I introduce you now tonight to that galaxy of very gallant and honourable gentlemen of this ancient and honourable fraternity, who form the fraternity of solidarity and the household of the faithful. (Applause.)

HYMN—"Unknown Warrior."

By the CHOIR OF ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL.

THE GRAND MASTER: Gentlemen and boys of the St. James Cathedral Choir: May I be the interpreter of this audience, and, further, may I be the interpreter of 100,000 Masons of Canada and ask you to accept from us heartfelt and cordial thanks for the service, so inspiring, that you have given us here tonight. The boys who sing that music must have a great future, for surely they will carry the ideals of the music into their lives. Our Most Worshipful Brethren of Massachusetts have visited your Cathedral of St. James and there under the guidance of Canon Plumptre they saw the history of Toronto as it is written in the windows of that edifice.

We will now have a solo entitled "Land of Hope and Glory, Mother of the Free," by Bro. Frank Oldfield. (Applause.)

SONG—BRO. FRANK OLDFIELD.

(Continued Applause.)

THE GRAND MASTER: Ladies and gentlemen, it is understood that there shall be no encores tonight, either to the speakers or to the songs; but, by special request, we are going to have, not as an encore, but just simply as an introduction to Lord Ampthill's address—we will have "Sussex by the Sea." (Applause.)

SONG—"Sussex by the Sea."

BRO. FRANK OLDFIELD.

THE GRAND MASTER: Now, Brethren, we are going to have the very satisfying and happy pleasure of hearing from the Pro Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England, the Mother Grand Lodge of the world. We are going to hear from the friend of that dearly beloved Royal Family; we are going to hear from the representative of the Duke of Connaught; we are going to hear from one of those who, both in wisdom and stature, stands out in the British Empire, one who stands above the fog in public duty and in private thinking, and we do ask you, children of a common Mother, as those who speak of the "Motherland," a precious stone set in a silver sea, who know that we appreciate one verse of Kipling perhaps more than any other, and that is the one where he says:—

"The law that ye make shall be law,
And I do not press my will;
Because ye are sons of the blood
And call me Mother still."

"Ye call me Mother still." Lord Ampthill.

M. W. BRO. LORD AMPHILL (on rising to speak was received with cheers and applause): Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario, and friends: It seems to me, Most Worshipful Grand Master, that you have wished to "try me" and to "prove me" as a Past Grand Master of this Grand Lodge; and cer-

tainly if I had known that the test was so severe as that which you are imposing on me, I should not have had the courage to come here. It was only this afternoon that I learned that an address, "a word," which has a very formidable sound to me, was expected of me, and it appears from what I have heard from yourself, Most Worshipful Grand Master, that a Past Grand Master of this Grand Lodge is expected to be able to deliver an address at any moment on any subject. (Laughter.)

Most Worshipful Grand Master, in the old Mother country we are not such talented people as that; we require a great deal of thought and preparation before we can presume to offer the fruits of our meditations to a large gathering of our fellow-citizens; but since you are putting me to the test I must endeavour to sustain it, and I hope that I shall be pardoned for falling short of any expectations you may have formed. I must endeavour in my own poor words to explain why I am here and what you have made me feel.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, you began by making very eloquent and moving allusions to the Mother country and the Mother Grand Lodge of the world; and here I think I can explain why it is that my friends and I are here today. The ladies here present will bear me out when I say that although filial affection—that is the affection of our children—is the most natural and obvious thing in the world, yet whenever it is manifested we feel deeply and unreasonably touched and moved. And there it is; what is true of individuals is true of communities and nations. The Mother Grand Lodge of Freemasonry did not expect any manifestation of affection from those daughter Grand Lodges to which she gave birth, and which are situated in every quarter of the globe; but when the daughter Grand Lodges of Canada responded eagerly, gladly, and generously to her invitation four years ago to come and celebrate the conclusion of peace, the Mother Grand Lodge of England was deeply moved, and it was then that there was started a new feeling of love and concern for those

daughter Grand Lodges, which I hope and believe will last as long, certainly, as the Mother Grand Lodge in years.

And it was in obedience and in response to that feeling, which is conspicuous among English Freemasons, that we, the principal officers for the time being of the Grand Lodge of England, have been sent here by our Grand Master—our Grand Master, who is known to you all not so much as one who for over twenty years had been at the head of English Freemasonry, but as one who represented the Sovereign in this country, and, together with his gracious consort, won deeper affection than any other Governor-General. (Applause.)

The beautiful words of Arkwright's poem, so beautifully sung as they were by the Choir, reminded me that Freemasonry has a spiritual foundation, and that if it were not so, Freemasonry would not be in existence today. The Great War, to which our thoughts have been forcibly and impressively directed by several events that have taken place, and by the words of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, was but a temporary outbreak into material conflict of that eternal struggle between the spiritual forces of darkness and light, of evil and good, which is ceaselessly being waged in the world. And those of us who are Freemasons ought to be reminded that now that material conflict is over, it behooves us more than ever to play our part on the side of the forces of righteousness and good in that spiritual conflict which is still raging with greater intensity than at any previous time. We live in a troubled and tormented and distracted world, in which we have still got to find our balance and to direct our course once more towards progress and the restoration of a higher feeling of humanity; and if Freemasonry is any good at all, Freemasonry will take a lead and will show the way in that mission. And Freemasonry must have that power, because otherwise it would not have attracted all classes and conditions of men for generations past and exercised the compelling fascination, in spite of the extreme simplicity of our practices and the prin-

ciples which outwardly they inculcate. It is noteworthy that in our country the Sovereign himself has been Grand Master of our Order. (Applause.)

"The late King Edward was our Grand Master for many years, and he has been succeeded and worthily succeeded by that truly noble Prince, His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught. (Applause.)

And His Majesty the King, although the circumstances of early life obliged him to contemplate a career in the Navy and prevented him from becoming initiated as a Freemason, has of his own accord and right willingly and gladly consented to the initiation of his two eldest sons, of the Heir Apparent to the Throne, the Prince of Wales, for whose talents, charms, courage and energy every true British citizen ought to offer up daily thanks to Almighty God. (Applause.)

With his brother, the Duke of York, they are now brethren amongst us. But whether it be the Prince of the blood royal, or men in the humblest station of life, or those who are leaders in the fields of science and learning, all find the same magnetic attraction in Freemasonry, and so we have all classes represented within our Order. Well, that shows, brethren—and I can say it also to those who do not belong to our Order—that there is more in Masonry than meets the eye; and it is because those who are not yet members of our Order believe that that is the case, that they have been thronging to the portals of the Craft and demanding admission. That has been the case in England. Since 1913, the year before the war, there has been a phenomenal expansion and development of Freemasonry in England. We have since that time, in spite of every reason to suppose that the war would check the normal increase in our numbers, and that the difficulties of the present time would prevent men from undertaking any new obligation and duties—in spite of all that our numbers have increased and the number of lodges which has been added to the roll of the Grand Lodge of England has expanded in a manner beyond all belief. Very nearly nine hundred lodges

have been added since 1913, in spite of the fact that the rulers of the Craft exercise the very greatest care to prevent any undue rapidity of growth or the admission of those of whom it is not certain that their minds will be thoroughly attuned to Freemasonry.

Well, brethren, what does all this mean? It can only mean one thing, namely that the outside world thinks that there is something in Masonry, that there is more in Masonry than meets the eye; that there is something in Masonry which may be of help to them and to the world at large at the present time. And we who are Masons—I am sure that I may speak for you as well as for our brethren in England—are firmly convinced that that is the case. But you will also agree with me that there is a great deal that we have got to do before we can come anywhere near the attainment of our ideal.

The first thing we have got to do is to make sure that every Mason understands the meaning of Masonry. And when we have arrived at that there will no longer be any of the present existing danger that there will be any innovation or departure from what we call "The landmarks," that is to say, the fundamental principles and tenets of the Craft." (Applause.)

And if you who are of our stock, who are joint partners with us in the great heritage of the British Empire, will stand shoulder to shoulder with us in our determination to uphold the original and true tenets of Freemasonry, then we need have no fear that we shall be disappointed in our ambition of being more extensively serviceable to our fellow-countrymen and the Empire and to humanity at large. The magnificent solo—"Land of Hope and Glory"—which was so magnificently sung, made me reflect that it is idle to pray that the great Architect of the Universe will make our land mightier yet, unless we ourselves accomplish that which alone can exalt a nation; the spiritual forces, not material increase of wealth, that can make a nation mightier in the world, mightier for good, mightier for progress, mightier for the advancement

of the human race; and since this great association of ours exists, ready organized, spread over the four quarters of the globe, held in high estimation wherever men who owe allegiance to the British Crown live and dwell together, since that great association exists, it is our duty, a duty which we cannot neglect, to make use of it for advancing and increasing that righteousness without which we cannot hope for a blessing from above. (Applause.)

Brethren, that is the object of Masonry, and it is all clearly stated and declared in our teaching that that and that alone is the object of the Craft; that the charity, of which we sometimes foolishly boast, is nothing more than an incident—a necessary incident—but merely an incident in the system of those who profess brotherly love; that our object is something far higher than the mere relief of distress among our dependents. None of this panoply, none of this pomp and pageantry, would be justifiable if our only object were the maintenance of charitable institutions, together with a little good fellowship. No, nothing to justify the existence of a great hierarchy like that which we have spread all over the globe, than some very high purpose, indeed the highest of all purposes, that of concern for those things which really matter in life. It has been said by a great thinker that there is no race which is more capable of high idealism than the British race; in spite of the old saying that we were a nation of shopkeepers; and if you think of all the heroes of the past, the men and the women to whom your Grand Master has so frequently and so eloquently alluded, you will see that it is true, that there is no race in any sphere of human activity which has shown more or higher idealism than ours. Therefore, brethren, I say let us take heed that we are not smothered, buried, suffocated, engulfed, as associations like ours have been in ages long since gone, by a thick lava-like crust of materialism. Let us see that the vital and immortal principle, of which there is a spark in every human being, is kept alive in every centre of the Craft. Most Worshipful Grand Master, you said this afternoon, "Freemasonry, we must remember, has a body as well as a soul." With all deference to yourself, I should have put it the other way,

but I can only speak from my knowledge of the brethren among whom I live and move and have my being, and with them I should say if I used your words, and I should always feel obliged to say "Brethren, let us remember that Freemasonry has a soul as well as a body." (Enthusiastic applause.)

THE GRAND MASTER: We shall now hear from M. W. Bro. Harcourt, and may I say of him: Tested, well made, truly laid, well proved, true and trusty, he has lived up to the tests of the Craft.

M. W. BRO. HARCOURT: May I ask you, Most Worshipful Grand Master, to vacate the Chair and allow your Deputy, Right Worshipful Bro. Drope, to occupy it for a few moments.

THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER (on rising was received with applause): Most Worshipful Sir, brethren and ladies—or I should have said Ladies and brethren all: Naturally I am a bashful man, and the enthusiasm of your reception to me this evening almost embarrasses me. I want to take this opportunity, my brethren, as your Deputy Grand Master, and by virtue of my office as Deputy Grand Master and the President of the Board of General Purposes, to take this public opportunity of extending the sincere thanks of the visiting brethren, and especially of the Board of General Purposes, to the Masons of Toronto and to the Reception Committee in charge during the last few days, for their kindness towards us. They have been most attentive to us. They have catered to our every necessity, and I must say, with all seriousness and with all reverence and without any malice, they have been most attentive to our wives, our daughters, our sisters and our sweethearts. (Applause.)

Most Worshipful Bro. Ponton and I have been closely associated for the last two years; our relations have been most cordial. He has approved and granted me every request that was reasonable during those two years; and now in the natural course of events, on this the last evening of his career as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada—and you notice the

alacrity with which he acceded to the last request on my behalf in his leaving the Chair, I shall say no more except that Very Worshipful Bro. O'Connor, the President of the Masonic Temple Corporation, has a duty to perform which I know will be a surprise to our Grand Master and a matter of interest to the ladies and brethren present. Very Worshipful Bro. John O'Connor.

V. W. BRO. O'CONNOR: Most Worshipful Sir, distinguished guests and friends all: I have a duty that falls upon me which gives me a very wonderful privilege to be on this platform this evening in so great a gathering and to do my little part in honouring Most Worshipful the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario, Col. W. N. Ponton. I had hoped to have been able to say something to you, my friends, of his magnificent work, but when you gathered here and listened to his opening remarks, the magic of his words, the beauty of his diction—and, oh how we love the English tongue when it is interpreted by so great a master—and I said to myself, Leave what he has said with them, for his words were eloquent of great manhood, his vision mirrored humanity and goodwill for men. It is fitting that the Masonic Temple Corporation should endeavour to preserve for posterity, in so far as the brush and canvas of the artist is capable of doing it—the face and form of those great men who have ruled the destinies of this great Order. Beginning in 1792, the walls of our Temple are adorned with the portraits of great men. 1792 speaks of William Jarvis. Then follow the names of Fitz-Gibbon, Kerr, and many others—and, Most Worshipful Sir, you are contemporary with many of these men, for instance those who have just received you, M. W. Bro. Harcourt and R. W. Bro. Drope. I mention no more, not because we do not cherish what they have done, but because time will not permit. The faces of these men speak from our walls; the inspiration we get from them, I might say, exalts you, Worshipful Sir, in exalting the lives of 100,000 Masons over which you have presided.

As President of this Corporation, Most Worshipful

ful Sir, I am going to unveil to this vast audience the portrait that will speak to posterity, and, my friends, won't you help me to honour this occasion as it should be honoured? The Most Worshipful has spoken and I must not go further. I must leave with you what he gave you in his opening address and without further ado beyond asking you by the eloquence of your applause, by the enthusiasm with which you greet his portrait, to finish this address that I have tried to give you.

(The portrait of M. W. Bro. Ponton was then unveiled. Cheers and applause.)

THE GRAND MASTER: Brethren, I do not think I have ever been just quite as deeply touched in my life as I have been just now by the words of my genial friend, John O'Connor. You could not have chosen a more worthy messenger to transmit this message of goodwill. Brethren, I am so proud, yet so humble with the sense of humility and the sense of responsibility that I must live up to all he has spoken of me, and I trust, brethren, those who have listened for one whole hour this morning to that address of mine, I know I voice your sentiments when I think I hear you say: "We do hope that is not a speaking likeness." (Laughter and applause.)

Well, brethren, at any rate God bless the man that reinvigorates glands, and strengthens and rejuvenates us, because I am ten years younger tonight than I was when I entered this hall. You must believe it, for there is the real proof of it, because I know that Bro. J. W. L. Forster is too great an artist not to depict truly that which he believed was the spirit of the man whom he delineated upon a draft or plan for the instruction and guidance of the workmen. Brethren, I am proud and glad to be in that wonderful gallery of Master Craftsmen. Oh, I wish that I was a better Craftsman to be worthy of being with that wonderful galaxy and gallery of Master Craftsmen, who adorn that central chamber of the Masonic Temple of Toronto, to be with Most Worshipful Bro. White, Most Worshipful Bro. Harcourt, Burritt, and all the

long line of the rulers of the Craft is indeed a thing to be proud of. Indeed, brethren, it is noble to be an ancestor, or even a descendant, but I am thinking of that time when as one of this great assembly I may pass within the veil to face the great future, and then I will be glad to have to think that it will be some credential to me and may give me, possibly by proxy or by mercy, entrance to the Grand Lodge above and beyond the veil, and then I think that some of you will perhaps remember kindly the father who exceeded even King Solomon by having 100,000 pedigreed boys all of his own family. (Laughter and applause.)

May I just say that that which I feared would be an ordeal and a disciplinary and tiresome work, sitting for J. W. L. Forster—than whom no finer Mason exists—proved to be a source of delight and esteem. I do not know whether he is present or not, but I wish to bear that tribute to him, and also to that gentle lady who gives him a happy home and is his inspiration. He is truly one of those who—

“Each for the joy of the working,
Each in his own bright star;
Draws the thing as he sees it,
For the God of things as they are.”

This has given me a new opportunity in life to realize the truth of those words of Burns:—

“O wad some power the giftie gie us
To see oursels as ithers see us.”

At least I have approached that idea. I thank you very much indeed, and you, my colleagues, those good hearty colleagues who have so long sustained me. (Applause.)

We will now have the pleasure of listening to a solo by Bro. Albert Downey.

TENOR SOLO—BRO. ALBERT DOWNEY.

(Applause.)

THE GRAND MASTER: Brethren, I am sorry that we have not with us the Grand Master of Pennsylvania tonight. At seven o'clock he was obliged to return. He desired me to express his very great regret indeed on that account. But we are fortunate and happy in having with us Worshipful Bro. Carlyle of Canada Lodge, London, England, to fill the time allotted to the Grand Master of Pennsylvania. We would have heard from Bro. Carlyle in any event and been delighted to hear from him as one who has been identified so closely with that wonderful Lodge of Canada which indeed is the laboratory and matrix of good works, good words and goodwill. (Applause.)

W. BRO. CARLYLE: Most Worshipful Master, ladies and gentlemen: It gives me very great pleasure indeed to come to the City of Toronto accompanying Lord Ampthill, to perform the duty of paying our respects to this Grand Lodge, and I am proud, indeed, of the honour that has been conferred upon me today. It is true, as the Most Worshipful Grand Master says, that I am the Secretary of Canada Lodge in London. During the years of the great war very many great and gallant men came from the Dominion of Canada to take up arms for the Empire, and it was the proud privilege of Canada Lodge to extend to all of those who are Masons the fulness and freedom of the lodge, and all that we could give to them. I am proud and happy to say that on the 14th November, 1914, when the first division of Canadians came to that terrible place Salisbury Plain, that we were able to entertain no less than 480 of them in the Lodge and afterwards to a little jollification and a dinner so as to speed them on their way. (Applause.)

From time to time it was our privilege to do similarly for each division, and as each formation of these Canadian soldiers came to our country we were able to receive them. And I am charged, Most Worshipful Grand Master, to read you a message from Canada Lodge:—

“From time immemorial Freemasons have been champions of peace and liberty, but when

from lofty ambitions, as during the great European struggle, they have been called to face danger and death, they have not wavered. In that spirit, during the years 1914 to 1918, thousands of Canadian Masons left their homes for that most devastating theatre of war in human history, many, alas, never to return. During all that stress Canada Lodge rejoiced in the opportunity of keeping open door and welcome; and when, duty done, Canadian Masons—save only those of the Glorious Dead—returned to their loved ones, they carried with them the highest fraternal regard of all British Freemasons. Canada Lodge, at its regular meeting for the installation of a Master, elected W. Bro. Carlyle to convey to Canadian Freemasons, and especially those of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario, our cordial greeting, and further to express the hope that Freemasonry may continue to flourish and the great principles of the past be preserved in Canada until time with us shall be no more. To this end Canada Lodge members pledge themselves.” (Applause.)

Most Worshipful Grand Master and brethren, that is countersigned by Sir Alfred Robbins, with whom we lunched the day before we sailed for Canada, and he sent his fraternal greetings and very best regard.

Now, ladies and gentlemen, this afternoon the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania was here speaking, and your Grand Master in introducing him suggested that Pennsylvania should send more coal to Canada. (Applause.)

But why go out of the Empire to buy coal? (Hear, hear.) I was born in South Wales, where we have the finest anthracite coal that was ever mined, and there is plenty of it there. (Laughter and applause.)

THE GRAND MASTER: Carry our greetings to Canada Lodge. I am very, very proud, through the kindness of Sir George MacLaren Brown and the members, to be a member of Canada Lodge.

Now we shall have the delightful privilege of hearing a solo and sharing in the joy of it by Bro. Charles Leslie.

SONG—BRO. CHARLES LESLIE.

(Applause.)

THE GRAND MASTER: Brethren, I am very sorry that M.W. Bro. Sir John Gibson and M.W. Bro. Ward-rope were obliged to return to Hamilton tonight, so that we are not to have the privilege of hearing from them. We were to have had a Canadian symposium on this occasion, but I will ask R. W. Bro. John S. Martin to stand before me.

Right Worshipful Bro. Martin, as you know, Masonry is above all the vicissitudes and fluctuations of politics; as you know, we have nothing to do with politics, we are away above the forum and the arena of public strife, but we have learned in the Volume of the Sacred Law that when a member is honoured all the members rejoice thereat. • (Applause.)

Most Worshipful Bro. and brethren, I introduce to you a new Minister in Ontario, of both culture and agriculture, R. W. Bro. Martin. (Cheers and applause.)

A MEMBER: "Cocka-doodle-doo-o-o-o." (Laughter and applause.)

R. W. BRO. MARTIN: Most Worshipful Grand Master, ladies and gentlemen: I have no intention of making a speech to you this evening, but I am pleased to be present at a gathering which I believe will live long in the memory of the Masons of the Grand Lodge of Canada; and I believe, ladies and gentlemen, that tonight will live long in the mind and memory of our most noble Grand Master. I am pleased to be here tonight to celebrate with him the day which I believe is the greatest day of his existence; and, brethren, I have just one word to leave with you; we have today in Ontario 100,000 Masons, and the thought occurs to me, as no doubt it has occurred to you, that Masonry

today, with the prestige of Masonry greater than it ever has been, has a real duty to perform in the social life and the life in general of the Province of Ontario; and, Most Worshipful Grand Master, the word that I wish to leave is this: That today we have many factions in Ontario, we have men of many nationalities, we have movements of different kinds; but I believe in my own heart that Masonry, if properly applied, may be the solution of our many problems. (Applause.)

Most Worshipful Sir, when I survey this wonderful gathering of many of the noblest men of Ontario, coming from every part of Ontario, I feel that these functions should be encouraged. This, I believe, is the second function of the kind, and it is my hope and wish that they may be continued. We should come together on occasions like this to discuss and get each other's viewpoint, and I hope that Masonry will continue to go onward and upward in the life of our beloved Province of Ontario. (Applause.)

THE GRAND MASTER. I thought that Right Worshipful Bro. Martin would have said: "May the wing of friendship never moult a feather." (Laughter.)

Ladies and brethren, it is the custom now to have community singing, and I am sure you will all be delighted to join in the next number. We will be led by a quartet, and we are going to sing "Annie Laurie" together. I am sure you all know that song or poem of Bayard Taylor's, that greatest tribute that was ever given by an American to British song and to the British soldier:—

"A SONG OF THE CAMP."

"Give us a song, a soldier said,
The outer trenches guarding;
When the heated guns of the camp Allied
Grew weary of bombarding.
"They lay along the battery side
Below the smoking cannon;
Brave hearts from Severn and from Clyde
And from the banks of Shannon.

"The dark Redan in silent scoff
Lay grim and threatening under;
And the tawny mound of the Malakoff
No longer belched its thunder.
"Give us a song," the guardsman said,
"We storm the forts tomorrow;
Sing while we may, another day
Will bring enough of sorrow."
"They sang of love and not of war,
Forgot was Britain's glory;
Each heart breathed out another name,
But all sang 'Annie Laurie.' "

SONG—"Annie Laurie" (first verse), the audience joining.

"Voice after voice took up the song
"Until its tender passion
Rose like an anthem right and strong,
Their battle-eve confession.
"Beyond the darkling ocean burned
The bloody sunset embers;
While the Crimean valley learned
How British love remembers.
"But once again a fire of hell
Rained on the Russian quarters,
Mid scream of shot and burst of shell
And bellowing of the mortars.
"And Irish Nora's eyes are dim
For a singer dumb and gory;
And English Mary weeps for him
Who sang of 'Annie Laurie.' "

SONG—"Annie Laurie" (second verse), the audience joining.

"Sleep, soldier, sleep, in honoured rest.
Your truth and valour wearing;
The bravest are the tenderest,
The loving are the daring."

I wonder if we can call up and perhaps exercise
that spirit of war?

A VOICE: "The pipes will advance! Quick Mar-r-r-ch!"

Enter the Pipe Band of the 48th playing a march.
(Loud and continued applause.)

(On the conclusion of three numbers by the Pipe Band, it retired.)

THE GRAND MASTER: Brethren, I have just been informed of an astonishing coincidence. Many years ago Annie Laurie married an ancestor of Sir John Ferguson, now Grand Treasurer of the United Grand Lodge of England. We have just been singing the praises of Annie Laurie, and now we are going to have a word from Sir John Ferguson, her relative. (Applause.)

Sir John is the President of Lloyd's Bank, one of the greatest in the world.

V. W. BRO. SIR JOHN FERGUSON: Most Worshipful Grand Master, ladies and gentlemen: I am overwhelmed by the Scottish reception we have just received here tonight. I have one ancestor of whom I am very proud, and it is a curious coincidence that it should be recalled to memory tonight. I will tell you the circumstances of the case, and as you have heard from me today at very great length I am not going to impose on you any further.

Annie Laurie was a well-known South of Scotland lady of great charm, great wit, and also of great beauty. She was courted by a leading squire in Dumfriesshire. He was very timid and had some hesitation about approaching her, and so he commissioned as his emissary an ancestor of the late Sir James Ferguson of Gray Darroch; he asked him to go and plead his cause with the young lady. (Laughter.) Annie Laurie listened most attentively to what he had to say, and then said: "If you would plead for yourself you might have a better chance." (Laughter and applause.)

I am exceedingly pleased to see so many ladies here tonight, and I have no doubt that passing in their minds is the question: "What influence has Masonry on our young men?" Ladies, I may tell you, and believe me I speak in the utmost sincerity of my heart, that the greatest influence of Masonry on your young men is in the formation of character. That is the outstanding feature of Masonry in England as in Canada, its effect in the formation of character. Character which will last through life and make of the young man an upright, honourable and valued member of his community and of that great Empire to which he and we all have the proud privilege and honour to belong.

As I have said, I spoke at considerable length in another place today, and I am not going to repeat what I then said. May I just say in a word that the reception you have given to our Pro Grand Master and to the other officers of the Grand Lodge of England who have spoken will long be remembered in our country when we have told them—told the various and numerous lodges to which we belong—what a wonderfully affectionate regard the people of Canada have for the people in the old Motherland. (Applause.)

THE GRAND MASTER: The Fergusons were aye bonnie fechtters and bonnie lovers as well.

I will now call upon Bro. Albert David for a solo. And then, brethren, we will have just one more speech that will wind up the evening, from the Grand Master of Massachusetts.

SONG—"The Song That Reached My Heart."

BRO. ALBERT DAVID.

(Applause.)

THE GRAND MASTER: It is such songs as that, brethren, that make one wish there was a Cross of St. David in the Union Jack.

Juniores priores in Masonry, but this evening the place of honour has been given to the Most Worshipful the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. No man is more welcome throughout the whole wide area of the United States and Canada than the Grand Master of Massachusetts, Most Worshipful Bro. Dudley Ferrell, who has endeared himself to all.

M. W. BRO. DUDLEY FERRELL (on rising to speak was received with cheers and applause): Most Worshipful Grand Master, ladies, and my brethren: During the course of the evening as I have sat looking out over this audience, a miracle has happened. This scene as we have looked upon it has gradually faded and given place to another picture; and as you one by one faded from the vision I had the dream that rising out of this place, and made up of the personalities that are here present, there came the days that make the future. I saw before me an Empire that was vast, in which the people possessed an unusual measure of prosperity; I saw yonder the stacks of manufacturing belching forth their smoke; I saw yonder the broad and fertile fields going even to the horizon, upon which there waved the golden grain. And, more than anything else in the picture, there was the evidence of a people great, not only in wealth that has the monetary value, but a people that was great because of the wondrous expanse, the height, the breadth, the depth of their souls. A people that was careful of the spirit. That Empire of tomorrow I saw rising out of this group that is here gathered representing Grand Lodge of the Province of Ontario. (Applause.)

And, oh, what a wonderful sight, what an inspiration the vision was as it came and went, came and went, and, my brethren, I wonder if you and I working together cannot make the dream come true. (Applause.)

These days that we have been your guests here in Toronto have been wondrously pleasant days; they have been filled with every evidence of kindness and of generosity, which we most deeply appreciate; and

they have been filled also with another expression of your regard, which we take not unto ourselves alone, sir, but we take through ourselves as a bestowal upon Masonry in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and that was the honour that was conferred today in giving us Past rank in the Grand Lodge of Canada. (Applause.)

And for this, my brethren, we are deeply appreciative. Sometimes as we go from one jurisdiction to another we are conscious of differences in ritual, we are conscious of differences in methods of procedure in the routine by which the administration of affairs is carried forward, but all one science. We are also conscious, and more than ever we have been conscious of it here, we here have seen and here have felt that fundamental appreciation of Freemasonry which gives it its strength and constitutes the imperative of its forward advancement. Out of the years that have been yours, '68, I believe, out of the years which have belonged to the Grand jurisdiction of Massachusetts, 190, out of the more than 200 years of history that has been written by the Grand Lodge of England, there has come this something which has never changed. Most wondrously has it been referred to by Lord Amphilhill in his address to you tonight. There has come the unchanging idealism of Freemasonry; there have survived the ancient landmarks, and here, in Ontario, yonder in England, and with us in Massachusetts, these ancient landmarks are dear, they are precious and nothing that lies within our power shall touch them or change them in the least. And it is this appreciation of that which is fundamental Freemasonry that we have sensed in our association with you. It does not take long, my brethren, to sense reality. Reality is always very much more strictly evident than that which is artificial. The artificial may deceive us for a long, long time, but reality, ah, it stands forth like the brightness of the day, and it is the reality of this deep and abiding appreciation of unchanging fundamental principle that we call Masonry, that we have sensed and rejoice in, and it has been the romance of these Masonic principles, forging ahead through the years, that constitutes the wondrous story that has been written by the Craft

throughout the world. It is a romance, my brethren, in which you and I can well take pride, and as the Grand Lodge of Canada here in the Province of Ontario, and the Grand Lodge in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts together look to the Grand Lodge of England as the Mother Lodge, how grateful we are for this inheritance, the inheritance of never changing values, and pray God we shall protect that inheritance. (Applause.)

And we shall invest it, not for the advantage that may come to us, not for the increase in numbers that may result, but we will invest this inheritance for the benefit of all mankind.

Today the question confronts us: Wherefore this magnificent story of the past? Wherefore the pride that you and I take in the historic record of your and my Grand Lodge? Has it a meaning? It has a meaning, my brethren, only as we create the meaning by the use we make of what we have received out of that historic effort.

History means nothing, and I have little use for pride in what has been, unless out of my pride in it there comes an inspiration to go on and to grow up. (Applause.)

There is the challenge for you and for me, and it is a challenge that comes to us in this particular period of the world's history with peculiar force. Never before, I believe, were the institutions of human society being so tested as they are now. We Masons—all Masons—make great professions; we ask for the respect of mankind; we demand the respect of mankind. Do we deserve it? If we deserve it the world will give it, but the world asks us to prove our claim. We cannot, my brethren, take Freemasonry and lift it away from the impositions which the law of life places upon every so-called determining influence, whether it be an institution or be a law; and if we endeavour to take our association and break contact with this examining testing demand of the time, we are making preposterous claims for ourselves and immediately the scept-

ticism of the world is aroused, and it is a scepticism that is justified. We are called upon to prove our claim to the respect of mankind, and never, never in the history of the Craft was there a moment when in proving the claim we could render as great a service as we can render today.

It was perfectly natural, with the advancement of time that the relations of life in their various forms should become complex. A multitude of things contributed to that development. The increase of population; the enlarging experiments which men made resulting in greater ease of intercourse; the augmenting of the knowledge which was possessed here, there and yonder; all of those things entered into the increase in the complexities of human relations. But there was nothing in those contributions that would of itself produce disorder in the complexity, and yet, my brethren, that is what has actually occurred. Group is today opposed to group. You have it in the Dominion. You have it, honoured sir, in England. We have it in the United States. Each group is claiming for itself a monopoly of right. The law of the land which experience has proven valid, you will find men evading it, flouting it, refusing absolutely to obey it; and because of this, because of the contrast which exists between what has been contributed and that which has resulted, the disorderliness of the times is positively startling. You and I may not be directly concerned or even involved in these differences; but indirectly we are involved in every possible way; the clothing we wear, the food that we eat, the coal that we burn, the telephones that we use, all of these things are determined more or less, and practically every phase of our common intercourse and every development and sphere of our daily effort is determined more or less by the peculiar character of human relations; and out of the disturbance today there has come the great problem in which Masonry as much as any other institution in life ought to be concerned. I do not care about the disorderly acts of today, but I do dread the disorderly thought that lies behind the act. I dread the uncontrolled thinking on the part of even a few, a thinking that is distinguished by social backwardness. You and I, as Masons, are called upon to

take the situation in hand, and how can we do it? We do it not as an army which gathers upon the public highway and marches to an attack. We do it as Masonry always has done it; we do it through the development of character. You love your land, do you not? I love my land, you love yours; and to your land, my brethren, and to my land, we owe a duty which is especially heavy upon Freemasons.

How significant was the song that was sung earlier in the evening, "Land of Hope and Glory," when those two soldiers stood there, one having a standard of Canada, the other the standard of the United States, close, close to the Masonic altar; and oh, what a lesson there is there. We from that altar, with the flags draped around it, can give to what those flags represent, a new life; we can give continuance; we can give a history that will be written honourably yes; therefore, let not the days that are to come be in the annals of human kind. You love your country—days in which wealth will accumulate and men decay. The greatness of the people is never measured in dollars and cents; it is not measured by the abundance of its crops or the greatness of its manufacturing product; the greatness of a nation is measured by the soul of the nation. (Applause.)

And what the soul of the land needs today is moral integrity, which Masonry takes as its cornerstone; moral integrity that is based upon the great spiritual essentials which never have changed through the ages. And, brethren, the opportunity for Masonry to confer upon life the gentle yet absolutely authoritative directioning of the moral imperative is with us tonight, and upon our willingness to assume the task rests the reality of the dream which I had during the evening. It was a beautiful dream, and I hope—and this is my final word to you, and it comes from the bottom of a very grateful heart, it comes from the bottom of a heart that has learned anew something of the glory and something of the sweetness of friendship—I hope that some day long, long in the future, when the men of that time shall look back upon this generation as it is here represented, that of you and

of your work it may be said—even as it was said of those splendid martyrs of whom the song was so beautifully sung by the choir—I hope that the future in trying your work by the square, level and plumb, will discover that the craftsmen have done their duty. I trust that that which you erect will have the permanency which alone belongs to the eternal Rite; and when men speak of you in the days to come I trust, if I may be permitted to follow the words—I trust that they may speak thus:—

“Proudly you gathered, rank on rank to war,
As who have heard God’s message from afar;
All you had hoped for, all you had, you gave
To save mankind—yourselves you scorned to save.
“Splendid you passed, the great surrender made,
Into the light that nevermore shall fade;
Deep your contentment in that blest abode,
Who wait the last clear trumpet-call of God.”

(Applause.)

THE GRAND MASTER: Brethren, I am sure you will agree with me that these Craftsmen have done their duty. We will never forget the message they have given tonight. We have thanks to give; thanks to God for bringing us together here, because life is the richer in that we have met together. Thanks to those artists who have entertained us, we thank you all, and for those Masons who are not of the Craft, “May the giver of gifts give to you, the will to help and the work to do; a heart that sings all the way through, may the giver of gifts give these to you.”

Now, brethren, we are all going to sing as we do at every Lodge meeting, and as the United Empire Loyalists sang in the grand old foundation days of our Province—that wonderful triumphant anthem:

GOD SAVE THE KING!

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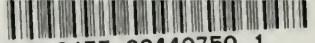
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